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June 30, 1927.

To the Ministers and Members of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dear Friends:

The General Assembly in San Francisco received from many sections of the Church earnest expressions of its desire that our Church should now move on into a new period of service and devotion. We believe that this desire pervades the whole Church. It certainly pervaded the General Assembly. From the opening session when four thousand people met at the Lord's Table in the most beautiful and reverent communion service which those who participated in it have ever known, until the closing hour the Assembly was full of the spirit of love and common purpose. There were earnest debates but there was no dissension of spirit. All hearts were united in one longing, that our Church should be worthy of Christ, and that His Mind should control it, and that it should rise up with a new obedience to do His work and to promote His Kingdom.

We all know that this is just what Christ desires of us. He wants a Church clean and pure and strong and joyous. The best we can conceive is less than His will. What a year this might be if we would only be willing to venture out in faith and love into the resources and purposes of God! The General Assembly had some taste of what God can and will do for us in its own experience of rich and uplifted fellowship and of happiness and assurance in the work which the Church is set to do in the world today. Therefore it bade us send out to the whole Church a call to join in meeting the conditions of a new life and a new power.

Our Church stands united in the great truths of the Gospel. We have still far to go no doubt "till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," but we are all one in our love of the only Saviour. We know Whom we have believed. On this great foundation let us stand and speak. Our Church has always been a Church of strong and clear convictions. Let us bear witness to these convictions and to the great facts on which they rest, and give our modern world convincing reason for the hope and faith that are in us. Men can do nothing against the truth. But we can do anything with the truth. If we are to work mighty works this year it must be through the truth of the gospel. Let us speak out that truth with a persuasive and unwavering witness.

It is the old faith but it must be a new life. As Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we are called to walk in newness of life and to "serve in newness of the spirit." We need to experience the truth. There is no conflict between the gospel as truth and the gospel as experience. To know

the truth is an experience. And the experience of knowing the truth of Christ is given that we might have a more abundant life in Him. We do not call the Church to mere activities or imitative motions. Our need is a deep, quiet, true life through Christ.

We need a deeper personal devotion - prayer and Bible reading in the individual life, time for fellowship with Christ. Are our own lives good and honest lives? "For so is the will of God, that by well-doing we should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." Are our lives so eloquent and convincing as this? Ought they not to be, and is it not plainly a condition of larger power and fruitfulness in our Church that we should be individually better and more Christlike men and women?

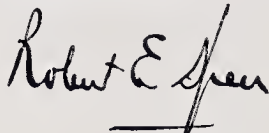
And with all our hearts we appeal for a pure and religious family life, for grace at meals and for family worship and for the religious teaching of the children in the home, and for such ideals of purity and love and unselfishness as will cleanse our Church of the shame of broken homes. We beg all ministers to speak of these matters as true fathers and shepherds to their people.

The Church has a word of special sympathy and courage to speak to the young people today. More of them are meeting this year in Christian gatherings than for many years past. They need what only Christ can give them of vision and strength, of truth and life. In a confused and bewildered time He is the only way. They must not find in our Church any mood of suspicion or distrust, or any want of understanding or hope. If they do not take up and carry forward the work which we hand on to them both we and they will have failed. And we need not fail if we will believe the promise in the last words of the Old Testament, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers."

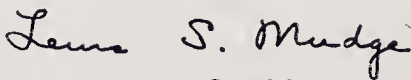
The Overtures which came up from all parts of the Church to the Assembly were full of one common thought - the thought of a new year of far reaching effort to win men and women old and young to Christian faith and discipleship, of united purpose on the part of the Church to fulfil her primary mission. If these things are to be achieved there must be a great increase of individual effort on the part of all members of the Church in conversation and daily friendship to win others to the truth and experience of Christ. Home and school and business ought all to be used to the full. And should not all our preaching have as its aim the clear statement of the great truths of Christianity, the earnest appeal to men to believe and obey these truths, and a richer setting forth of the deep and joyful loyalties of the life that is opened to us all in Christ?

It is by order of the General Assembly that we are writing and in the Name of our One great Master and Saviour and Lord. In His Name and with His help let us begin a new year now and where we are, each in his place today.

Very faithfully yours,



Moderator.



Stated Clerk.

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January 12, 1928.

To the Ministers and Members of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dear Friends:

The General Council of our Church met in Chicago on November 29-30 to consider the matters referred to it by the last General Assembly, including the benevolence necessities of the Boards of the Church, our forms of Judicial Procedure, and especially the subject of deeper faith and life in the Church and a more sustained and fruitful evangelistic effort on the part of both its ministers and its members.

The Council is to report to the next Assembly with reference to the wisdom of any change in our Judicial Procedure but it instructed the Moderator and the Stated Clerk to write now to the Church with regard to the life and work of the Church and especially its devotion of mind and heart to the Gospel and its expression of this devotion in positive, convincing, persuasive and affectionate presentation of Christian truth and in wise, courageous, unceasing effort to lead men and women to Christian faith and discipleship.

We would refer first, briefly, to the situation of our Boards. Toward the full benevolence budget of \$12,000,000 for all the work of the Boards and of the Self-supporting Synods and Presbyteries, the amount received by the Boards on November 30 was \$4,285,460, or \$26,003 less than on November 30 a year ago. One or the other of two things is true - either the churches are giving less this year than last or they are delaying even more than formerly the transmission of their gifts. Either of these explanations is lamentable. As a matter of honor and fidelity to donors benevolent gifts should be forwarded without delay. Never ought they to be borrowed for other use even temporarily. And it is a matter of honor and fidelity to our Saviour that with such vastly increased resources as we enjoy, an ever rapidly increasing portion should be given to the Saviour's service in the work which our Church is doing through its Boards. We believe there is no more efficient, fruitful, faithful, economic work being done anywhere or by any one, and we would be

justified if we were to appeal for a doubling of our benevolent gifts to our own agencies during the remaining three months of the year.

In a real sense, our giving is a measure of our believing, our living and our loving. Of even God we read that "He so loved that He gave." Back of all the benevolences and activities of our Church we need a sure and steadfast faith in the great facts and truths of our Gospel, - the historic facts out of which it sprang when God in Christ came into our world and wrought salvation for us, the facts about God and man which were revealed in the Gospel, and which abide unalterably true whether men believe them or not, the facts of the Christian experience. Would that all of us, ministers and people alike, would pierce deeper into these great facts and rest upon them. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ." And let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. Any fresh and real evangelistic advance must rest upon the clear evangelical convictions and spring from a genuine life of penitence and prayer, of personal trust in the grace of Christ, and of love of God and our brethren.

Such new movements of faith and life may break forth anywhere in the Church but the General Council instructed us especially to lay this matter upon our Presbyteries and to issue "a call to the moderators of Presbyteries urging that at the earliest possible moment, the Presbyteries be called together for a day of special prayer, humiliation and conference, earnestly seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit in planning for more effective evangelistic effort, and for the deepening of the spiritual life of the churches of the Presbyteries, with the understanding that where such a gathering under Synodical auspices would be practicable or preferable, this should be arranged." Many such gatherings have already been held with rich result. May there not be many more? And in many congregations and neighborhoods can there not be community groups in which pastors and people, men and women, old and young together, will unite to seek a surer faith and a deeper life and a fuller and richer service?

There is need in all our denominations today of a resolute effort to conserve our church membership and to hold to abiding loyalty those who are in danger of falling away. At present our evangelical churches lose on the average by death or defection one member for every two they gain. We should hold those we are losing and we should be winning far more. Statistical studies have shown the following startling facts for three of our largest communions:

Denomination	No. of churches	No. of churches with no accessions last year	Percent	Proportion of accessions to church members
Meth. Episcopal	16,581	4,651	28.1	1 to 19.6 members
Baptist	9,765	3,474	39.6	1 to 20.4 members
Presbyterian	9,229	3,269	31.1	1 to 21.5 members
Total	35,645	11,394	32.0	

Of course some of these churches which did not have a single accession are small or are only nominal, but most of them are not. On the other hand many of our churches which have reported one or more accessions ought to have been able to report far more. It is a sad fact also that from many of our Sunday Schools no one has

come into the Church this past year. Can we not with prayer and by the help of God do far better this new year? Can we not in the months that remain before Easter set to work so earnestly that by the Resurrection Day all those whom we ought to approach at this time shall be approached and urgently pressed to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to give themselves to Him as His disciples?

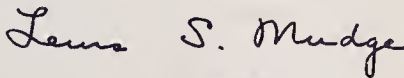
We need to recognize and proclaim the power of God in the Gospel of Christ. We are meeting in our modern age a purely naturalistic interpretation of the world and of life which leaves no place for true religion, and this temper of mind may easily creep into our own hearts. Our answer must be the answer of the New Testament faith and also of the New Testament life; the answer of a reasoned conviction about Christ and the answer of a living experience through which Christ confronts men and assures them of His love and power.

There are many to whom this letter will come who are already, with love and devotion, doing all they can to proclaim the historic and living faith of the Gospel and to win others to our great Saviour. But there are many of us to whom the ancient call is coming, "Awake, thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." To this call as old as the Church and as new as our present, pressing need may we all be given grace to answer today with one mind and one heart! What is there that can meet the deep need of the world today, that can right its wrongs and cure its ills and take away its sin, but the love and life of God in Christ? "Neither is there salvation in any other." And it is our duty and joy to experience that salvation in reality and power and to share it with all mankind, "beginning at Jerusalem" and reaching out without delay to "the uttermost part of the earth."

Very faithfully yours,



Moderator.



Stated Clerk.

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## Important Overtures Adopted

It will be reported to the 1927 General Assembly that Overtures A and B, sent down to the Presbyteries by the 1926 Assembly, have been adopted by a majority of the Presbyteries and have therefore become the law of the Church. These overtures are as follows:

### Overture A, 1926, On Reception of Members Into the Church

"Shall the Form of Government, Chapter IX, Section VI, be amended by the addition of the words, 'upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon presentation of satisfactory certificate of church membership, or in the absence of such certificate, upon the part of persons coming from other churches, upon re-affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ' so as to read as follows:

"The church session is charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the congregation; for which purpose, they have power to inquire into the knowledge and Christian conduct of the members of the church; to call before them offenders and witnesses, being members of their own congregation, and to introduce other witnesses, where it may be necessary to bring the process to issue, and when they can be procured to attend; to receive members into the church upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon presentation of satisfactory certificate of church membership, or in the absence of such certificate, upon the part of persons coming from other churches, upon re-affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ; to admonish, to rebuke, to suspend or exclude from the Sacraments, those who are found to deserve censure; to concert the best measures for promoting the spiritual interests of the congregation; to supervise the Sabbath-school and the various societies or agencies of the congregation; and to appoint delegates to the higher judicatories of the Church."

### Overture B, 1926, On Regular Supplies in Federated Churches

"Shall the Form of Government, Chapter XXI, Section III, be amended by the addition of the words 'except in cases of federated churches' so as to read as follows:

"Ministers, licentiate, and local evangelists connected with the presbyteries of this Church,

## TODAY'S DOCKET

The Docket is necessarily of a tentative character, subject to daily changes. It is the duty of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures "to prepare and digest business for the Assembly." This Committee has the floor at the opening of each session "to report its recommendations as to orders of business or references of papers, and this right of the Committee shall take precedence of the orders of the day." All the business sessions of the General Assembly and the popular meetings authorized by the General Assembly, will, unless definite notice is given to the contrary, be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California.

Thursday Morning, May 26

The Civic Auditorium

- 10.30 A.M. Opening sermon by the retiring Moderator.  
Constituting prayer.  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
Announcements.  
Order for recess until 2.30 P. M.  
Closing prayer.

Thursday Afternoon, May 26

The Civic Auditorium

- 2.30 P.M. Session opened with prayer and praise.  
Calling the roll by naming absentees  
Presenting and adopting the Assembly Docket and Manual.  
Presenting Minutes of the General Assembly of 1926.  
Approving of Assistants nominated by the Stated Clerk.  
Organizing the Electing Sections.  
Naming tellers for the election of Moderator.  
Determining relative order of Nominating and Seconding speeches.  
Electing the Moderator.  
Inducting the Moderator-elect.  
Permanent Judicial Commission reports presence and vacancies.  
Report of Committee on Arrangements.  
Official announcements.  
Announcing leader of Friday's (11.30 A.M.) devotional service.  
Adjourning order to meet Friday 9.00 A.M. and closing prayer.  
Electing Sections meet in places assigned, to elect Standing Committees.
- 4.30 P.M. Welcoming Reception to the Officers and Commissioners of the Assembly by the Local Committee on Arrangements.

Thursday Evening, May 26

- 7.45 P.M. Popular meeting in the interests of Presbyterian Young People under the auspices of the General Council.

**General Rules for Judicatories.** 1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the judicatory stands adjourned; and shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the session with prayer.

shall be the only persons to be employed as regular supplies in vacant churches, except in cases of federated churches. It shall be the duty of ministers not engaged in regular church work to render service in vacant congregations within the bounds of their respective presbyteries, unless excused by act of presbytery. Ministers of other denominations in correspondence with this General Assembly may be employed as occasional supplies."

## Moderator's Sermon Opens Assembly

The 139th annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was opened this morning by a Communion service in the Civic Auditorium for the Commissioners of the Assembly.

The sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr. W. O. Thompson of Columbus, Ohio, was on the subject, "The Gospel of Reconciliation." It is published complete in booklet form as a supplement to this issue of General Assembly Daily News, and copies were circulated among the Commissioners as they took their seats at this afternoon's session in the Civic Auditorium.

In the haste of printing, several errors were made and appear in the printed copy as circulated. For the guidance of Commissioners these errors are herewith noted:

On the first page the second line of the first paragraph of the sermon should be corrected to read "5,000 years" instead of "51,000 years." In the same paragraph, the third line from the last should have a comma inserted after the words "intellectual life."

On page 4 in the fifth line of the last paragraph the comma should be eliminated after the words, "the immediate presence of God."

On page 6 in the paragraph beginning, "We may recognize," in the ninth line of the paragraph, the expression, "the world of reconciliation" should be corrected to read, "the word of reconciliation."

On page 7 in the paragraph beginning, "The Church has been prone," the sentence concerning John should be corrected to read as follows: "John was persuaded of this quality, for he declared that we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

On the last page at the end of the sermon there should be added this sentence: "Let us then as his children strive to see that the will of God, which is the law of love and the executive expression of the heart of God, shall have unhindered sway in our lives, thus making complete the gospel of reconciliation."

### Committee on Polity

The room for the Committee on Polity is on the fourth floor at the west end (Polk Street) of the corridor.

### Week-Day Bible Study Becomes Important Work

Week-day Bible instruction is assuming a more and more important place in the work of Sunday-school missionaries sent out by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions.

An arrangement has recently been made, for instance, at Brush Creek, West Virginia, whereby the National Missions worker goes into each room of the public schools for one hour each week to teach the Bible to the children. Similar work is being carried on at Cabell and Camp Creek, Brushton and Rumble, other mountain towns in the vicinity.

This means that more than 325 children in these schools are having a graded, connected course in Bible throughout the school year. One of the public school teachers who went from Brush Creek to neighboring community last fall was so impressed with the value of this training for the neighborhood that at his own initiative he has started similar work in his new school.

In both Florida and Georgia colored Sunday-school missionaries are introducing a similar work. Mr. William Wood, working in the black belt of Georgia, reports that 26 public school teachers are giving to their pupils week-day Bible instruction. Most of these schools are in rural districts.

### Better Business As Well As Better Behavior

"No one is interested in a Sunday-school around here," said a storekeeper in a small settlement to Rev. John T. Hartman, a Presbyterian Sunday-school missionary in one of the mid-western states. "The homes were visited, many children found, and on the Sabbath a school was organized. The Monday following, upon leaving the village, the missionary was accosted by the storekeeper.

"Come in and take your pick of any hat in the store," he said. "I sold over \$300 worth of shoes and clothing last Friday and Saturday to folks who wanted their children to go to your Sunday-school."

National Missions even stimulates business, if one wants to look at it from that point of view.

### Honor Due Choctaw Indian

Rev. W. H. McKinney, missionary from Southern Oklahoma, is a Choctaw Indian. For well on to 40 years he has been in National Missions service among his own people in Oklahoma. He has won several times a commissioner to the Assembly, has served as stated clerk, and is chairman of the National Missions committee in his presbytery. His regular preaching circuit covers five or six places at a distance of at least 125 miles. He is one of those who will receive the service pla of the Board of National Missions Tuesday morning.

No one knows the Southern mountains of Tennessee better than Rev. Paul E. Doran, who will speak at the National Missions popular meeting, Monday evening, May 30. Born on a plantation in Tennessee, educated in schools and colleges of Tennessee, he went in 1914 to the principalship of the largest high school in the Cumberland region at Sparta, where for three years he trained boys and girls for college, and other boys and girls who might not even be able to finish high school. He brought in a trained agriculturalist, fitted out an agricultural laboratory, put in demonstration plots for various crops, encouraged the farmers to enroll for special classes, adapting somewhat to the local needs the Danish folk school idea.

Then his call to definite missionary service came. He had already been preaching on Sundays in schoolhouses all over the county. His new parish contained 450 square miles of mountains and valleys; it meant preaching in six places regularly, two others occasionally, and conducting a community service station. So his home became a fairly busy place. Because they had faith in their minister, men came to have him prepare their legal papers, count their interest, to ask him to measure land, establish boundaries, cure their minor physical ills, and to render every kind of service.

Out of all this work under his care have grown strong churches with a real evangelistic impulse; and as many as 60 young people have gone out from his community in a single year to train themselves for the work of the world.

### "For Me a Little Cherokee Boy" Who Knew Nothing About Heaven

In "125 Years of National Missions," by Rev. Herman N. Morse, clerk of the Board of National Missions, are to be found two interesting facsimiles. One is a page of the minutes of the first meeting of the Standing Committee on Missions, Philadelphia, July 31, 1802, at the house of Mr. Hazard, a member of the committee. The other is of the writing of a 10-year old Cherokee boy in Gideon Blackburn's school in Tennessee in 1810. The writing is signed by George Fields and runs as follows: "N. B. Reader I do hereby beg leave for me to ask your prayers for me a little Cherokee boy about ten years of age that God may bring me to heaven for until that I went to school to Mr. Blackburn I knew nothing about heaven."

This leaflet, which is a reprint from an historical chapter in the Annual Report, is on the exhibit table of the Board of National Missions.

### Leave the Hymn Books

All hymn books should be left in the Auditorium at the close of each session.

### Men's Assembly Banquet

Saturday evening, May 28, at 6:30, in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, will be held the Annual Men's Banquet. This is a part of the regular program of the Assembly and is always popular. Last year at Baltimore more than 1,100 men sat down to dinner. The committee plans an attendance of 1,400 men at the banquet this year. The program will consist of music and speaking. Any man who attends this meeting of men will be given new knowledge of the possibility of men's work in the church and will be fired with new zeal to do his part in pushing the work of the kingdom.

### This Sky Pilot Can Preach a Sermon Or Rope a Steer

To have men in his congregation who have not heard a sermon for 40 years, is no uncommon experience for Rev. Ralph J. Hall, Sunday-school missionary in New Mexico, who is to speak Monday evening at the National Missions popular meeting. Of one recent service he writes:

"On Monday evening we had the first religious service that had ever been conducted in the community. There were about 50 people present. About half were Spanish, and half were American. We had just one dim kerosene lamp for light, no musical instrument of any kind, and only one song book, but we had a good service, and the folks are asking us to come back soon."

During the past year he has travelled in the course of his work about 24,000 miles and has witnessed more than 200 conversions as the result.

One of his most interesting activities is his ministry to the cowboys with whose manner of life he is thoroughly familiar and with whom he lived and worked prior to entering the ministry. He can rope a calf and travel a steer as well as any one of them. His influence on the ranches in directing the cowboys into Christian life has been most remarkable. They respect him, trust him, and seek his advice and counsel. Mr. Hall has been doing a pioneer work over a large territory, and has laid the foundations for the development of a number of churches in New Mexico, where the need is very great.

### Christianizing Hospital

Under the direction of the Evangelical Union Committee, Eduardo Ruiz, Presbyterian senior at the Evangelical Seminary, Porto Rico, was appointed and began work in October as regular pastor for the Insular Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Rio Piedras. He is supported by contributions from all the denominations. There is now a deep interest in the services, a large attendance from among nurses, attendants and physicians. There have been 10 confessions of faith, and among them several on the part of members of the staff of the institution. The Evangelical Seminary is partly supported by Presbyterian money. Its president is a Presbyterian, Rev. J. A. McAllister.

### Mr. Hays Wants All Pension Fund Laymen At This Dinner

Mr. Will H. Hays is planning a dinner of the members of the National Laymen's Committee who may be at the General Assembly and wants to extend the invitation also to any other laymen attending the Assembly who assisted in the Pension Fund campaign in their church or presbytery. This dinner will be held at 6 o'clock Friday evening, May 27, at the St. Francis Hotel.

### Get Green Folder to Follow These Tours

Special personally conducted trips to National Missions enterprises either in Southern California or in New Mexico have been arranged for the week following General Assembly.

The "Orange Belt tour" from Los Angeles may be taken on June 3 or June 4. It includes a visit to the Japanese church in Los Angeles, the Mexican quarter with its National Missions churches and schools, San Gabriel's old Franciscan mission, the homes of neighborly service at Monrovia and Redlands, a Mexican luncheon served by the women of the Mexican Presbyterian church at San Bernardino, and visits to various other towns.

The other tour, starting from Albuquerque on June 6 or June 9, and ending at Las Vegas, New Mexico, includes visits to the mountain plazas and plaza schools at Taos, Holman, Chaco, the Menaul School and the Allison-James School, some of the Indian pueblos and cliff ruins.

Details may be found in a green folder issued by the Board of National Missions.

### Near East Relief

The annual meeting of General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Near East Relief, together with a few Assembly officials and representative pastors and laymen, will be held at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, during the breakfast period, 7:30 to 8:45, Friday, May 27.

Mr. Vickrey will be present to answer all questions in behalf of these orphans of Bible lands.

### Subscriptions for General Assembly Daily News

Subscriptions for a complete set of General Assembly Daily News will be received at Room 212, No. 226 McAllister street, upstairs over the Presbyterian Book Store, a short walk across the public square from the Civic Auditorium.

### Porto Rican Results

Presbyterian evangelistic efforts in Porto Rico during the past church year have resulted in the addition of 386 members. This will bring the Presbyterian membership of Porto Rico Presbytery to 3,000, a goal for which the missions have for years been striving. The largest increase during the past year was at Aguadilla, where 35 new members were received. Many of the pastors preach in different parts of the city or community five nights out of every seven.

**Visit Rhododendron Show In Golden Gate Park**

Thousands of people each year visit Rhododendron Lane on the South side of Golden Gate Park at Third Avenue, reached by cars No. 7 or 17, out Market street. The plants are arranged on both sides of a sunken lane, more than a block long, with thousands of blossoms, red, pink, white and lavender. Many a single bush has at one time over 500 blossoms.

**Honor to Dr. Thompson**

Occidental College will present Dr. William O. Thompson, retiring Moderator, an honorary degree, May 30. Dr. Robert Freeman, president of the Board, will make the presentation, and Dr. Remsen Bird, president of the college, will confer it.

**Helped Famous Lucy Laney**

Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, who has been attending the women's biennial meeting in advance of General Assembly, is the wife of President H. L. McCrorey of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. The Presbyterian college for negro men under the Board of National Missions. Mrs. McCrorey was for years before her marriage the assistant of Miss Lucy Laney in the administration of Haues Institute, at Augusta, Georgia. She is one of those who are to be especially recognized this year at the anniversary celebration of the Board of National Missions for a mission service of 25 years or more.

**Children's Gatherings for General Assembly**

Lake Shore Park, Oakland, and Polk Hall, at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, will be the scene of two great children's gatherings on General Assembly Sunday, May 29, at 3 o'clock.

Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, President of the Board of Christian Education, and author of well-known volumes of children's sermons, will be the story teller at one of these meetings. Dr. William Chalmers Covert, General Secretary of the same Board, will be the speaker at the other gathering. He is famous as a favorite with children's assemblies.

Schools have been practicing their songs for the occasion. The committee in charge has four beautiful hammers to be presented to the schools that "Sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

Schools are to choose colors that each group may be distinctively marked. Special sections will be reserved for the schools that send in a request and give the approximate number they will bring.

**Dr. Thompson's Views About West Indies**

What Dr. W. O. Thompson, retiring Moderator, has to say about conditions and missionary opportunities in the West Indies of today is available in a leaflet "The West Indies as Seen by a Christian Statesman," to be found at the exhibit table of the Board of National Missions.

**Encouraging News From China**

Mrs. Charles K. Roys has received from the secretary of Canton Station, China, the following cablegram under date of May 26: "Canton Station working again as usual. Experienced workers intend taking a trip to Yeung Kong Truelight Middle School. Tenth anniversary meeting a success."

**Dubuque Exhibit and Luncheon**

The University of Dubuque has planned an exhibit at General Assembly, installed by one of the alumni. President-emeritus G. M. Steffens is expected to attend general Assembly as the representative of the university.

The Dubuque luncheon has been set for Friday noon, May 27, probably at the St. Francis Hotel. A registration poster will be placed in the lobby of the Assembly Hall for reservations.

All interested are cordially invited to attend the luncheon, and it will be appreciated if early notice is given as to intention to attend.

**Princeton Dinner**

Alumni and former students of Princeton Seminary are invited by the Seminary to a complimentary dinner on Monday evening at 6:30, at the Roof Garden of Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets. It is necessary for those who expect to attend to sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the Main Entrance corridor at the Civic Auditorium.

**Commissioners' Wives Please Take Notice**

The attention of the wives of commissioners to General Assembly is called to the women's meeting to be held Friday, May 27, at the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason streets. The morning session runs from 10:00 to 12:15, and the afternoon session from 2:00 to 4:30.

**Honorable Record of 25 Years' Service**

For many years one of the most active and progressive representatives of National Missions in Arkansas has been Rev. E. M. Frey's hire, who is on the honor list of the Board of National Missions as one who has served for 25 years or more. As a country minister he has had in his charge a chain of remote and isolated fields. Several of these he has built up into active churches so that a pastor has been settled over them.

An evangelist of unusual power, he has carried his missionary zeal into whatever he was doing, whether that was a country life program or the serving as a voluntary chaplain this last year in an Arkansas sanitarium while himself convalescing there from illness. When he was fully well again, a long petition from persons of all denominations at the sanitarium requested him to stay as their chaplain. Without relinquishing his work as pastor and preacher in his country churches, he is nevertheless giving some time to the continuation of his chaplaincy.

**How the Presbyterian Church May Know Itself**

When a missionary or other church worker gives a first-hand, realistic account of experience in the gospel ministry, there is gripping interest. This comment is heard: "Wish more could have heard that address and wish we could have more such visitors." The Presbyterian Magazine is the medium for bringing the recent, intimate and moving work of the Church into the home.

The Committee on Management seeks to make the Magazine a cross section of the work of the Church as carried on by the hosts of workers—pastors, missionaries and the volunteer worker in every branch of service. Through its pages life speaks out the great epic of the renewing and transforming power of the gospel as demonstrated in its ministry.

The Magazine takes you on world tours—it has five continents as its field; it introduces you to members of the more than 10,000 men and women who are heralds of the gospel; it helps you to know better your church in the home land.

The Presbyterian Magazine is our family paper. It belongs in every home of the Church. If not a subscriber, get a sample copy and subscribe.

**Where to Subscribe For G. A. Daily News**

A city ordinance prohibits the exchange of money and the taking of paid subscriptions within the walls of the Auditorium.

Those who wish to subscribe for complete sets of "General Assembly Daily News" at 25 cents a set, sent to any address, will, therefore, please go to the Presbyterian Headquarters Building, 228 McAllister street, just a pleasant walk across the Civic Center. The building is easily recognized because the Presbyterian Book Store is on the main floor. "General Assembly Daily News" has an office upstairs over the book store, in Room 212.

**Department of Vacancy And Supply**

The room in Polk Hall, where the Commissioners have been registering, has been assigned to the Department of Vacancy and Supply. Office hours begin Friday, May 27, at 8 a. m.

**No Platform Notices**

No notices will be given from the Assembly platform except under important necessity. Submit all notices to Desk No. 4 for publication in next morning's General Assembly Daily News.

No papers, pamphlets, notices or literature of any sort may be distributed either within or outside the building, except through Desk No. 4.

In any case, no distribution will be permitted of anything that does not directly pertain to the Assembly, the Boards and Agencies of our denominational work.

**Free Salt Water Pool At Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A., at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, has turned over its salt water swimming pool, free of charge, to any Commissioners wearing the official assembly badge.

**Presbyterian Book Store Extends Cordial Welcome**

The Presbyterian Book Store at 234 McAllister street, San Francisco, extends a cordial welcome to the Commissioners to the General Assembly, and visitors, and hopes that this store may be a place where much time will be spent. The store has the best recent sermons, missionary books, commentaries and Bible study texts. It features communion ware, hymn, register and out-door bulletin boards. Robert A. Skeel is manager.

**National Missions Luncheon**

The National Missions luncheon will be held Friday, May 27, at the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor streets, at 12:30 o'clock.





# Co-operative Advertising by Local Churches

The Publicity Department of the Presbyterian General Assembly advocates for each local church budget a policy of paid advertising in the home newspapers. One paper that has been successful in enlisting local churches to advertise is The Oakland Tribune. It will be of interest to General Assembly's commissioners to know how The Tribune developed its plan. Therefore we present this brief history of co-operative church advertising in The Oakland Tribune, California:

At the national advertising convention of 1912, the advertising manager of The Tribune met and talked with a representative of The Baltimore Sun, who spoke of a new feature on that paper. It was a purely local and revenue-producing campaign and as such was copied by The Oakland Tribune.

One of the staff was detailed over a period of several weeks to call on the local ministers, obtain from them lists of well-to-do laymen interested in church work, then obtain from the latter subscriptions of \$1 a week or more to a general fund covering the cost of 52 weekly advertisements. Thereafter he appeared before various church boards, explained the plan, obtained further votes of funds from them, as well as the endorsement of the project, and finally launched a series of 52 half-page advertisements addressed to the readers, urging general church attendance, without, however, endorsing any congregation or denomination.

The paper had hoped for a page of advertising. They, of course, printed reviews of the local sermons. Failing to fill the page with paid matter, they filled in with the church news, reversing the usual make-up and placing the advertising at the top of the church page and the news below.

At that time a few spiritualists and unorthodox churches ran three or four fine advertisements in the personal columns of Sunday services. These appeared to be from the nature of the advertising, spiritual circles or healing meetings. They were very glad to move from the personal column to the church page. A Catholic priest of a downtown church joined them in an appeal to the "stranger within our gates." That gave The Tribune its inspiration; if it could get a Catholic church, it could get others; but as the year progressed, the others did not come.

The year expired, the fund was gone, and the paper found it impossible to renew subscriptions. In the last few weeks, however, some of the Protestant churches came in with short announcements. When the half-page had dropped out, the unusual make-up was continued, of advertising on top and news underneath. So it grew to half a page, and by 1918 to a page about one-third advertising and two-thirds news. In 1918 some of the pastors discerned the adv-

ertising value and gave so much paid space at Christmas time that it filled a page.

**Organization**  
Church advertising has been handled by a woman since the time when the classified manager first delegated this assignment to someone else. She has an assistant who likewise handles all the routine work of fraternal advertising, of which there is a page a day. The news is handled by a man in the editorial department who co-operates, but who is under no obligation to give space to a larger advertiser or to withhold it from a non-advertiser. He is to print real church news, not propaganda. At seasons of unusual interest, as before the large church editions of Easter and Christmas, she calls on the classified advertising staff for assistance in placing and collecting lay-outs.

**Policy**  
The policy is to print what should be of interest to the readers. It is not used as a club to get paid advertising. The endeavor is to attract more readers to the advertising pages through better news. A town in which a large

majority of the people belong to some church, any church, is a law and order town, stable, prosperous, and a good place for the advertiser, merchant and for the publisher.

**Advertising Policy**  
The advertising policy is to endeavor to build up the congregation and not the minister. When a popular minister leaves, there remains a weakened congregation that is not an advertising asset; but a strong congregation will attract strong ministers and itself remain an advertising force. No advertising is accepted on the church pages except from locally incorporated congregations. State incorporation and a charter to a local body, as to one of the spiritualist churches, won't do. This requirement to take out local letters of incorporation insures the organization and maintenance of an advertising group in that it excludes the itinerant, often sincere, yet sometimes profit-seeking evangelist. The Tribune will not even take lectures on the Bible from orthodox ministers unless they are under the auspices of a local cen-

gregation. The one exception to this rule is the Catholic parishes, which alone of the major denominations are not individually incorporated. But the authenticity of a Catholic church as a permanent religious group is not questioned. Psychologists and those who seek to establish new religions are barred until their followers organize. What a group of worshippers may believe is no concern of the paper.

**Promotion**  
Copy is written for local churches whenever they ask it, and frequently when they do not. Complete advertisements are designed for every one of the more than 200 churches in the East Bay Region, every Christmas and Easter, thus insuring each of them getting at least two examples of what are considered ideal advertising, every year. The Tribune has sent letters in series to all pastors in the East Bay, discussing the principles of advertising as applied to the church. It takes great pains in setting the copy as received, and each week telephones to all regular advertisers for changes of

Reduced Fac Simile of Church Advertising Page

copy. When giving them additional display as at the holiday season, no additional rate is charged, though the paper does try to persuade them to use bigger and better space.

#### Value to the Church

At a recent meeting of the Advertising Club of Oakland, attended by clergymen and laymen of the East Bay, devoted to the subject of religious advertising, the pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland stated that the first year's advertising of his congregation was paid for out of his own pocket as the church had a deficit, a condition of many years' standing. During the last seven years, since advertising, it had never had a deficit, the congregation had grown in number and in financial well-being. It is one of the most effective advertising in the East Bay. Other pastors have on special occasions, told of single donations from visitors that more than paid for the expense of the copy. It is generally recognized that attractive advertising brings strangers to the church and that these swell the contributions. The regular revenue of the church remains constant and is affected only by increase in membership, another result of advertising.

#### Ideal Copy

Church advertising generally throughout America, is faulty, is lacking in force. It is as unattractive as a time table. It is regarded as a directory by the pastor inserting it, instead of being, in fact, missionary work. Advertisements should contain high lights of sermons, constructive thoughts, or other appeals to the hearts and imaginations of non-church goers. Examples have even saved the lives of despondent persons, so the latter have testified to pastors. Advertising written by clergymen is often apt to be too academic. Copy should be prepared by enthusiastic laymen with the advice of professional ad writers on newspapers or agencies. In closing, The Tribune is discouraging the words "advertising" and "selling"; the first it would abbreviate to "advising"; the second it would change to "teaching."

### 35 Years in Service Of National Missions

Rev. J. A. Savage, principal of Albion Academy, Free Union, North Carolina, and commissioner to this General Assembly, has been in the service of National Missions 35 years. When, in 1892, Mr. Savage came to Albion, the school property consisted of 2 1/2 acres of land and one large school building. Today this colored school has 60 acres, an administration building, a dormitory for boys, another for girls, an industrial building, a refectory and laundry, and a small hospital.

Special emphasis is put on industrial training. Under careful supervision students are taught to do tailoring and plain sewing, to trim hats, cobble shoes, cane chairs, manufacture mattresses, lay cement walks, and to cook. In addition Mrs. Savage carries on a community work for the old colored women of the town, teaching them to read the Bible, to knit, piece quilts, and make baskets.

## Notable Things To See on Tour of San Francisco

Following is the route to be followed by the General Assembly Auto Tour Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5, taking in points of interest in San Francisco:

\*Points of special interest.  
\*\*Points of very special interest.  
Union Square in front of St. Francis Hotel; monument in honor of Admiral Dewey.

\*\*Occidental Home for Chinese Girls, 920 Sacramento street; Miss Donaldina Cameron, superintendent.

Chinese Presbyterian Church on Stockton near Clay.  
Little Italy, Broadway between Kearny and Montgomery.

Barbary Coast, Pacific between Montgomery and Kearny (a block transformed by prohibition).

\*Chinatown, Grant avenue, Pacific to California.

Portsmouth Square, seat of early Spanish and Mexican governments.  
Monument to Robert Louis Stevenson, Montgomery at Clay.

Telegraph Hill; news of incoming ships flagged for the town.  
Fisherman's Wharf, center of the sea industry.

First Presbyterian Church, Van Ness at Sacramento; hegan in a tent in '48.

\*Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore at Jackson, entertaining church.

Marina, site of Panama-Pacific Exposition.  
Buddhist Temple.

Art Gallery, Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Presidio, Letterman Hospital.  
Sea Cliff residence area.

\*Lincoln Park, end of Lincoln Highway Spreckels War Memorial; public golf course.

Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 31st Ave. and Clement; illustration of church building fellowship church; 18 erected by Presbyterians in last six years.

\*\*Sea Rocks.  
Golden Gate Park:

Stow Lake.  
Menagerie.

\*Museum.  
\*National History Museum.

\*\*Steinhart Aquarium.  
\*Japanese Garden.

Great Highway.  
Fishback out-door pool.

St. Francis Wood residential area.

Twin Peaks; fine view on clear day.

Dolores Mission, Dolores and 15th streets, founded 1776; one of the old Spanish missions on the King's Highway (El Camino Real).

Trinity Center, demonstration church under Board of National Missions, serving a gross attendance of 10,000 a month.

City and County Hospital, Potrero avenue and 23rd street.

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, a federated Baptist-Presbyterian ministry to Russians.

Civic Center: City Hall, State Building, Public Library, Presbyterian Headquarters, and Auditorium.

The above points are listed in order for automobile visitation. Passengers should alight for \*\*.

### Golden Gate Park Attracts Commissioners

Cliff House and Seal Rocks are familiar to every tourist, but there is an interesting group of attractions in Golden Gate Park not so widely known. Within an area of a few blocks is found the Memorial Museum, the Natural History Museum showing California birds and animals in natural habitat, the Steinbar Aquarium, rivalling the famous Aquaria of New York, Honolulu and Naples.

No one should miss this opportunity to see a choice display of live seals and hundreds of varieties of fishes, many highly colored Hawaiian fishes, all in a setting of marine sands and vegetation. Near this is the alluring Japanese Garden, fitted with pagodas, temples, streams, bridges and the shrubs and flowers of Old Japan. Tea is served each afternoon by Japanese in costume.

### City Shows Special Courtesy To General Assembly

San Francisco greets the Assembly through its Mayor, the Honorable James Rolph, Jr., with words of welcome. More than this, the city extends courtesy through many departments. The Supervisors, through the Committee on the Auditorium, provide the use of practically the entire auditorium free of cost. The Board of Park Commissioners has designed and executed a large floral piece in front of the conservatory in Golden Gate Park, having the seal of the Presbyterian Church (the open bible) at the center and "Welcome to Presbyterians, 1927" about the circle.

Through the Mayor's office, the use of the City Hall has been granted, the illumination of the Civic Center provided, and the Church and United States flags for the facade of the Auditorium and Market street secured and set up. San Francisco is called "The City that Knows How."

### Spiritual Successor To Frank Higgins

"My helly—that is my religion," said the miner. Then, putting the toe of his boot to the oven door and flinging it open, he pointed the missionary to what was within, and exclaimed: "There is my God—bread."

That was the introduction which Rev. William J. Bell, speaker at the National Missions popular meeting Monday night, May 30, had to missionary life when, fresh from aeminary, he went into the wilderness of pits and ore-dumps, of stumps and underbrush, which is the Mesaba Iron Range of Minnesota.

Spiritually he is the successor of Frank Higgins in Minnesota, though his ministry is not to the lumberjacks but to the thousands of miners and their wives and children, speaking many foreign tongues, who are the workers of that district. Today his parish include no less than 20 different communities, and, assisted by a capable and like-minded staff, he goes back and forth among them preaching, holding Sunday-schools, conducting many educational and recreational activities.

### Reception at City Hall Followed by Visit to New Presbyterian Building

For the convenience of Commissioners and visitors, the reception to the Moderator and Commissioners is to be given in the rotunda of the City Hall, adjoining the Exposition Auditorium, immediately at the close of the Thursday afternoon session, May 28. Mrs. Wm. Nat Friend is chairman of the reception committee.

The receiving line is at the head of the grand staircase, and guests are requested to pass promptly along the receiving line to avoid congestion.

Immediately following the reception all are invited to visit the Woodridge Building, just across the square at 223 McAllister St. This is the new Pacific Coast Presbyterian headquarters building, named for the organizer of the first Protestant church in California, the First Presbyterian Church of Benicia, Rev. Silvester Woodbridge. This building, representing a value of \$225,000, has just been secured. It houses the coast headquarters for the General Council, the four Boards, the San Francisco Theological Seminary, and the Presbyterian Book Store. This is easily reached by crossing the Civic Center to the North side of the Public Library.

### Music for May 26

10:30 A. M.  
Una Waldrop at the organ.  
Trumpeter and General Assembly Hymn of Unity—written by Robert Freeman of Pasadena.  
Song Leader—Lawrence Moore, Oakland, California.  
2:30 P. M.

Earl Towner—Calvary Presbyterian Church, at organ.  
Song Leader—Otis Ironmonger, Napa, Cal.  
7:45 P. M.

Una Waldrop at the organ.  
Song Leader—Lawrence Moore, Old Seminary Quartet—Earl Cochran, Otis Ironmonger, Bruce McDonald, John Harvey

### Youths Pledge Lives

At Alpine Institute, a Presbyterian grammar school and high school in the mountains of Tennessee, eight girls and six boys this past year have expressed their intention of preparing for the ministry and for religious vocations.

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### Dr. George G. Mahy's Address at Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism

Following is an abstract of Dr. George G. Mahy's address on "Evangelism in Our Day," at the Tuesday evening session of the Pre-Assembly Conference of Evangelism:

"Throughout the Protestant Church there is evident an undoubted revival of interest in the work of evangelism. Evidence of this interest in our own church will come before the Assembly in many forms, notably in overtures from a very considerable number of presbyteries.

"When the General Assembly constituted its permanent committee on Evangelism the very word evangelism was anathema in large areas of the church. This, however, cannot be regarded as altogether discreditable to the work of evangelism then in vogue. We must remember that true evangelism will never win the favor of the worldly; and in spite of many defects and methods which were discovered in past days, we are compelled to hear witness to the inestimable value of the great volume of sincere evangelistic preaching and work which was carried on even though many of the churches were indifferent to it.

"Regardless of its merits or demerits, the type of evangelism prevalent 15 years ago has, for the time at least, passed away. In our day the church seems to be feeling her way toward a type of evangelistic work which will avoid many objectionable things and in the end prove to be more fruitful in definite and permanent spiritual results. We have cause to rejoice over the new emphasis apparent in our day, but there is reason for concern about the nature, the message, the field and the methods of the evangelism upon which we are depending so much for our day.

"We must rid ourselves of confusion and uncertainty on these points.

"I. As to the nature of this evangelism it is of the Holy Spirit. It springs from a divine revelation. It has therefore, within it certain changeless elements.

"(a) A changeless God. Revealed in Jesus Christ—the same yesterday, today and forever.

"(b) A changeless human nature—save by the grace of God.

"(c) Sin changeless in its essence, its action and its effect.

"(d) A final changeless plan of salvation wrought out by God Himself.

"(e) A changeless message.

"II. If we accept these changeless things as fundamental in our evangelism it is evident that our message will not be the presentation of a philosophy of life, but the proffer of very life itself, to the spiritually dead. It is the proclamation of the truth that God actually does accept helpless, hopeless, ruined lives and infuse in them an eternal, spiritual, conquering life which creates its own atmosphere of the soul and codes of conduct. The message of evangelism is therefore above and beyond and contrary to the doctrine of behaviorism and kind-

red pronouncements, by which the present, if not the eternal character and destiny of man is fixed by certain pathological conditions, or the absence of them in his physical life and resultant temperament. Evangelism proclaims a power which is abundantly able to perform miracles of healing for the whole man, body, mind and spirit, and a divine love which deals with sin by forgiving it.

"III. The field of evangelism in our day, Christ said: 'The field is the world.' It will perhaps astonish us to discover that in our practice we have largely forgotten that word. Our evangelistic thinking has been narrow enough in all conscience, but our evangelistic effort is even more limited than our thought and belief. As a matter of fact we have largely occupied ourselves during these last years with our own kind of people. It is right that we should occupy ourselves by seeking the salvation of our own, but it is not enough.

"America is no longer an Anglo-Saxon nation. It knows nothing of the history of the Reformed faith; it cares nothing about the traditions and records that are sacred to us; in fact, we have come to the place where the apostolic church once stood, when the apostles and their followers were compelled to settle that question whether the gospel was for Israel alone, or for all. I do not say that this is our help. We all recognize the strength of the great missionary impulse which lies at the heart of the church, but I ask you to consider whether or not we are yielding ourselves to obedience to that impulse. For example: here is a church in a great industrial center; the leadership in that center is American; its labor is foreign. We spend \$500,000 for the erection and equipment of a church for a very small percentage of the population, and we are proud of the fact that we contribute \$10,000 for a mission building, or \$3,000 for the maintenance of the work in that building on behalf of the great multitude of those whom we call aliens.

"In this connection I remember an illustration given by one of our greatest city pastors, who said: 'We formerly had a mission for the foreign-born on the East side, but we have now brought those who attended that mission to worship with us in our own church and have arranged that their children should study with us in our own Sunday-school. We formerly had a Christian Sunday-school superintendent who would inquire of a small applicant for admission to the Sunday-school as to his place of residence; and when he got an address indicating a number on the East side, he would say: 'We nearer where you live, and we have good teachers there, and that is where I want you to go.' But when a dauntless and attractive applicant for admission to the Sunday-school came to him and when he ascertained that the address was practically a corresponding number on the West side, he would say with great enthusiasm: 'We are so glad to see you here. I know just the class that you

will enjoy, and I will introduce you at once.'

"IV. We must discover the way in which we are to make our evangelism known to men of all nations and not merely to men of our own training and tradition. From a human viewpoint this is an impossible task, but in the sight of God it is perfectly possible. As a matter of fact, the apostolic record proves that it is possible to develop such a systematic search for souls among all kinds of people that we will ultimately be able to write as Paul wrote: 'Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, the unpeppably unclean, thieves, covetous, drunkards, and such were some of you; but ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.'

"Do you know of a church today in our land which is building itself out of this material? If so, you know of a church which has the spirit, the power, the message and the method of evangelism needed for our day."

### 125th Anniversary Of Organized Presbyterian Missions

One of the chief features of the meetings of the General Assembly will be the official inauguration of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of organized Presbyterian missions in the United States, the fiftieth anniversary of Presbyterian missions in Alaska, and the jubilee of the first Presbyterian women's missionary organization of the church. The formal celebration will take place Tuesday morning, May 31, in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on National Missions.

Dr. W. O. Thompson will give the principal address. Dr. S. Hall Young, of Seattle, who organized the first Presbyterian church in Alaska at Wrangell in 1879, and who was for many years general missionary in that territory, will speak for Alaska. Mrs. Dan Everett Waid, of New York City, member of the Board of National Missions and formerly of the Women's Board of Home Missions, will speak for the missionary organizations.

At this time, also, honorary membership in the Board and a service pin or button will be conferred upon those missionaries, men and women, who have devoted twenty-five years or more to the National Mission cause.

### Can Any Good Come Out of Tea Pot Dome?

From April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927, 720 persons were added to the rolls of the Community Presbyterian Church at Midwest, Wyoming. All but four of these were received into the church either on confession or reaffirmation of faith. In April 45 more names were added to this roll. In addition the 17 Presbyterian Sunday-schools scattered throughout the district have 1,200 pupils, besides a home department of 500 persons and a cradle roll of 700. Every night of the week, Saturday only excepted, there is preaching somewhere in the parish, and on Sunday there are three or four services. Midwest is in the center of the Salt Creek and Tea Pot Dome oil fields.

### "See For Yourself" Is Graphic Story Of Our Gospel Work

The Department of Missionary Education, on behalf of the four Boards and the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, takes pleasure in announcing a new and important hook, by a distinguished author.

"See For Yourself," by James E. Clarke, D.D., LL.D., is an interesting story of what is being done by our church in spreading the gospel throughout the world. It is not written in terms of Board organization or budgets but in the terms of need and service. Beginning with the early church it describes the way in which the Great Commission has been and is being carried out by our denomination. Evangelism, education, service, in our own and other lands, are illustrated by concrete situations, and there is also a review of the steps by which the church is trying to maintain this ministry at a high standard of effectiveness. The six chapters of the hook deal with the following subjects:

I. Purpose of the Work.

II. Prosecution of the Work by the Proclamation of the Good News.

III. Prosecution of the Work by the Influence of Kindly Deeds.

IV. Preparation of the Workers.

V. Providing for the Workers.

VI. Power and Its Transmission.

The story here told not only brings before our Presbyterian people a new sense of the magnitude of the work in which their church is engaged, but is calculated to thrill them with enthusiasm for the unfulfilled task.

Some of the material found in presenting this material in every Presbyterian church this year. The Department of Missionary Education recommends where a School of Missions can be arranged that this book be studied in one semester. Failing this a course of programs or addresses based on the book should be given at Sunday or mid-week services for six consecutive weeks.

Copies are obtainable at the Presbyterian Book Store, 228 McAllister street.

### Mrs. Waid to Tell of Women's Mission Work

The 50 years of the women's home missionary organization will come in for their share of attention during the anniversary celebration of the Board of National Missions at the regular session of General Assembly, Tuesday morning, May 31. Mrs. Dan Everett Waid, of New York, a member of the Board of National Missions, and for many years a member also of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, will be the speaker. As a member also of the Council of Women for Home Missions, Mrs. Waid has been particularly interested in work among the foreign-born in this country, especially among those just entering the country through Ellis Island. The problem with city housing in New York have also taken some of her attention. She is a native Kansan, educated at Monmouth College, Illinois, and familiar through travel and study with the field work of the Board as well as with the organizational end of Presbyterian missions as conducted by the women.

## Rev. H. C. Weber Discusses Fluctuations In Benevolences

At the General Council's Pre-Assembly Conference, Wednesday, Rev. H. C. Weber of New York, director of mobilization, reported that the increase in giving to benevolences in the Presbyterian Church for 1926-27 would probably reach \$2,000,000, due in large part to a debt-paying and the new Pension Fund Campaign. He also stated that the Presbyterian Church was leading all the larger denominations in its rate of net increase. He called attention to the tremendous losses through the transfer of names to inactive lists and lack of pastoral supervision and work. This "hack door" loss, he said, negated the really large accessions to the membership of the church from the Sunday-schools and young people's groups in the churches.

Director Weber said in part: "The subject assigned me, 'What of the Year?' gives me the opportunity to invite you over the crowded threshold of the Presbyterian Church by its front door, through the house with its trophies of the church, out of the hack door which differs materially from the front entrance in many ways, and out into the yard to look over the fences into the problems of the neighborhood. It may be interesting, perhaps, to glance over the neighborhood first. The whole interdenomination situation is receiving very careful and suggestive consideration. In Dr. H. K. Carroll's summary of church statistics in *The Christian Herald* for April, a serious decline in net increase of church membership in the United States for 1926 was reported. The net increase in 1926 was reported as 489,556, as against 984,846 in 1925. This appears to be the smallest net gain in several years. The net gain for the Presbyterian Church was 2.1 per cent. This is slightly below the average rate of the Presbyterian Church for the century, but places it at the head of the larger denominations. The Methodist Church stands at 0.6 per cent; the Southern Methodist at 0.1 per cent; the Southern Baptist at 1.85 per cent; and the Southern Presbyterian at 1.11 per cent. The Roman Catholic Church reports the largest addition of members in quantity, but its rate, according to the figures furnished Dr. Carroll, was only 0.88 per cent. Inasmuch as the estimated increase of the population is about 1.23 per cent, it will be noted that the Presbyterian Church is gaining more than its share of the increase. In contributions as reported to the United Stewardship Council, the Presbyterian Church stood number eight in per capita of benevolences, but fourth in per capita of contributions to all purposes. These per capita will be substantially increased for the year just closed. There seems to have been an increase in giving in the church of nearly \$2,000,000 for denominational benevolences alone, if the part of the National Missions debt and the amount already paid in on the Pension Fund are counted.

"The front door of the Presbyterian Church is wide open and

hospitable. Good-will has characterized the work of the church in a quite unexampled degree throughout the year. There has been an evident desire to make forward steps which might seem wise and discreet. There has been no outburst of enthusiasm or emotion but many signs of thoughtfulness and self examination. You will miss some things at once. The last vestige of the New Era debt has disappeared, and the interchurch indebtedness certificates are torn up and in the ash-barrel at the rear. Contributions to the denominational budget fell off slightly during the year, but there was a tremendous response to the appeal of the National Missions debt of the National Missions Board. The response to the Pension Fund project has also marked a great event in the history of the church. If the contributions to the debt and to the Pension Fund in cash are counted in the benevolence enterprise of the church for the year, there is no question but that this year has been the best one with the possible exception of the Victory Fund Campaign year of 1919, which registered an increase in giving of \$10,000,000 in one year.

"In accessions on confession, the number in 1926 was the third largest the church has ever registered in all its history, though the ratio of those received to communicant membership was only 5.7 per cent, the average rate for the century so far. The figure for this year are not yet entirely available. The great emphasis which has been placed throughout the year on personal evangelism should help this figure materially. The Sunday-school membership will probably show no very great increase. This, however, to be expected. In 1923, other things being equal, when the disastrous effect of the year 1918-19 on the family line of the church will probably have passed, there should be a decided increase.

"The hack door of the church needs to be pointed out. It is not protected as it should be. The tremendous gain through accession of young people on confession and through the surplus received by letter from other denominations is quite thoroughly undermined by the stream of members who slip through this hack door into obscurity and loss. Last year 60,000 names were transferred to the suspended list in our churches, and many reports from the field indicate that there still remain hundreds of thousands of names on the communicant lists which are unknown, untouched and inactive. Dr. Carroll suggests that the greatly reduced net increase in membership in all the churches this year is due to activity in transferring names from active to inactive lists of various kinds. If the number of accessions on confession for 1926-27 could be spared the terrible discount due to losses, the Presbyterian Church this year would easily pass the 2,000,000 mark and would show a net increase considerably greater than its share of population increase would set.

"Another tremendously important feature of the hack-door proposition of the Presbyterian Church

is the revelation which recent participation has brought of the non-participation of church members in the support of the church enterprise. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Stated Clerk, has called attention in *The Presbyterian Magazine* to the importance of the constitutional provisions of the church for support from its members, and the attention of all pastors and sessions should surely be called to the vital importance of the enlistment of all believers in benevolence giving. The mobilization of every member behind the work of the church is its unfinished and imperative task of the moment. Attention is called in the June number of *The Presbyterian Magazine* to a study made in one of our best presbyteries of the giving many allowances for rent pledges. The study reveals that 60 per cent of the members of the churches in this presbytery support their congregational expenses and only 36 per cent give to benevolences regularly. If this proportion for this presbytery were projected to cover the denomination, it would mean that out of 1,900,000 Presbyterians, 1,200,000 do not give regularly to support the denominational enterprise. This seems unbelievable, but if pastors will check on the actual records in their own congregations they may discover that here is the resource that has not been tapped as yet and needs to be very carefully and prayerfully worked. The great success of the Victory Fund Campaign of 1919 was due to the enlistment of more givers in the church enterprise than to an increase in the giving of the regular supporters. No particular development in the budget enterprises of the Presbyterian Church can be expected until through the church a new call with a new process of every member enlistment is emphasized. There is reason to believe that the every member canvass of last March has been the most carefully and widely carried out movement for a number of years, but it has not penetrated yet, as it should, into half of the presbyteries of the church, some of them the largest and strongest in the list."

## Dr. Freeman Writes Assembly's "Hymn of Unity"

Dr. Robert Freeman of Pasadena, who has been selected by the Board of National Missions to deliver the address at its popular evening meeting May 28, has written for the San Francisco General Assembly a hymn of four verses entitled, "Hymn of Unity," and to the tune of Darwall's 138th. Three days after the writing of this hymn it was given by the choir of 60 voices in the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley on the occasion of a sermon by the Moderator, Dr. W. O. Thompson. Dr. Thompson was so impressed with it that he requested that it be sung at the opening Communion service of the Assembly for his sermon.

Mr. Uda Waldron, civic organizer of San Francisco, has been employed by the local committee to play each day at the meetings of the General Assembly. He is one of the most noted organists of the country.

## Mr. C. V. Vickery to Speak On Near East Relief

Upon invitation of Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, of Newark, New Jersey, Mr. C. V. Vickery, of New York, general secretary of Near East Relief, will address the General Assembly, Saturday morning, May 28, speaking to the report of the General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Near East Relief, of which Dr. Foulkes is chairman, and Dr. Sherman L. Divine, of Westminster, Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, is co-chairman.

Mr. Vickery will also speak at the annual meeting of General Assembly's committee and other friends at a breakfast conference, Friday morning, May 27. It is expected that Dr. John F. B. Carruthers, of Occidental College, who made an unofficial survey of religious education in the Near East this past year, will give his impressions of the work he saw overseas. Dr. Divine, chairman of Near East Relief work in the Northwest United States for a number of years, will bring a message. Dr. Foulkes will preside.

The following representative group has served as the Presbyterian Advisory Committee on Near East Relief and has given counsel on matters of policy:

Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, Newark, N. J., chairman; Rev. Sherman L. Divine, Sacramento, Cal., vice-chairman; Nolan R. Bulk-Best, Baltimore; Edwin M. Bulkeley, New York; Rev. J. M. Brady, Birmingham; Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, New York; Rev. William C. Covert, Philadelphia; Rev. George E. Davies, Salt Lake City; Rev. Robert Freeman, Pasadena, Cal.; Rev. Calvin C. Hays, Pittsburgh; Rev. Giles H. Hogan, Waxahachie, Tex.; Rev. John A. Marquis, New York; Rev. Mark A. Matthews, Seattle, Wash.; Rev. Stanley White, New York; Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, Chicago; Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, Berkeley, Cal.; Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, Philadelphia; A. R. Nicol, Summit, N. J.; Rev. Justin Nixon, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, Los Angeles; Rev. John Timothy Stone, Chicago; George N. Sutherland, St. Louis; Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, St. Paul; Rev. William O. Thompson, Columbus, O.; Rev. Joseph A. Vance, Detroit.

## Must Quit Cussing Or Cannot Get In

Nine-year-old Johnnie is president of the River Rats and takes his post very seriously. At the meetings he presides in so dignified a manner that the boys sit quiet as he draws the order of business for the day. Between club meetings his thought is about the club and what is the best for it. He is the director of the neighborhood house in the hall the other day and said: "Mr. Jones, we ought to have Chester in our club, but we will have to teach him to quit cussing" before we let him in." He is carrying on his program of teaching Chester to quit cussing.

The River Rats are a club at the Gary Neighborhood House, a National Missions enterprise at Gary, Indiana, and the attitude of nine-year-old Johnnie is typical of that being developed in National Missions neighborhood houses everywhere.

### National Missionaries At the Presbyterian General Assembly

Rev. G. C. Alexander, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Rev. C. P. Andrews, Hoit, Mich.  
 Rev. Edmund Barnes, Weed, Calif.  
 Mr. Willard E. Barrows, Lewiston, Mont.  
 Rev. H. Beadle, Lookaba, Okla.  
 Rev. William J. Bell, Mountain Iron, Minn.  
 Rev. S. M. Bennett, Arlington, Tex.  
 Rev. Paul S. Berry, Jemez Springs, N. Mex.  
 Rev. J. H. Bone, Waxahachie, Texas.  
 Rev. E. E. Bromley, Haines, Alaska.  
 Rev. R. H. Brown, Cookeville, Tenn.  
 Rev. David R. Burr, Burns, Wyo.  
 Mr. James D. Burton, Harriman, Tenn.  
 Rev. John H. Byere, Johnson City, Tenn.  
 Rev. Wm. C. Carter, Jefferson, Texas.  
 Rev. Sherman L. Clark, Monument, Oregon.  
 Rev. R. S. Cleland, Cairo, W. Va.  
 Rev. W. C. Clemens, Greenville, Tenn.  
 Rev. A. N. Coe, Greenwood, S. Dak.  
 Rev. Alexander P. Cooper, Cozad, Nebr.  
 Rev. Geo. E. Cooper, Mason, Tenn.  
 Rev. Herbert M. Course, Mukilton, Wash.  
 Rev. P. J. A. Coxe, Louleville, Ky.  
 Rev. Anderson Crain, Weed, Calif.  
 Mr. J. H. Crowell, Orlando, Okla.  
 Rev. A. Everitt Danby, Creswell, Oregon.  
 Rev. Jacob S. Dapp, Denver, Colo.  
 Rev. Baldwin Davies, Poultney, Vt.  
 Rev. L. W. Davis, Arkadelphia, Ark.  
 Rev. Paul E. Doran, Sparta, Tenn.  
 Rev. R. D. Everett, Portland, Oregon.  
 Rev. Richard T. Ferrell, Spokane, Wash.  
 Rev. W. O. Forbes, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Rev. Wm. T. Frasier, Charleston, S. C.  
 Rev. E. M. Friesching, Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Rev. E. W. Hall, Maryville, Tenn.  
 Rev. Ralph J. Hall, Albuquerque, N. Mex.  
 Rev. John Hamel, Marquette, Mich.  
 Rev. Walter C. Hargrave, Dandridge, Tenn.  
 Rev. Harry Helnecke, Oxford, Miss.  
 Rev. James C. Henderson, Pickens, Miss.  
 Rev. James Hewett, Carlisle, N. Y.  
 Rev. James A. Hodges, Fort Sumner, N. Mex.  
 Rev. Abram James Holland, Dell Rapids, S. Dak.  
 Rev. James L. Hollowell, Statesville, N. C.  
 Rev. John Wm. Hoyt, Eureka, Calif.  
 Rev. C. E. Ireland, Nashville, Kans.  
 Rev. Paul Janes, Collegeport, Texas.

Rev. Robt. L. Kinkade, Kenmore, N. Dak.  
 Rev. Jasper R. Lamb, Sutherland, Oregon.  
 Rev. E. C. Leeper, Ironton, Mo.  
 Rev. Samuel Light, Sidney, Nebr.  
 Rev. Geo. W. Long, Sberaw, S. C.  
 Rev. Houston W. Lowry, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Rev. Lulu Maldonado, Aguada, P. R.  
 Rev. Joseph Mapeon, Duluth, Minn.  
 Rev. R. R. Marquis, Nenana, Alaska.  
 Rev. Chester A. Marshall, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Rev. J. K. McClure, Durham, N. Y.  
 Rev. A. B. McCoy, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Rev. Beni. H. McFadden, Sparta, Ind.  
 Rev. Wm. H. McKinney, Smithville, Okla.  
 Mr. Antonio Mestres, Calbairien, Cuba.  
 Rev. Fred Mitchell, Ganado, Ariz.  
 Rev. S. L. Mitchell, Brunswick, Ga.  
 Rev. Edw. N. Murphy, Boise, Idaho.  
 Rev. Wildman Murphy, Payson, Utah.  
 Rev. Robert Newman, Helena, Mont.  
 Rev. Edgar J. Peacock, Tusula, Mich.  
 Rev. Remigio Perez, Lares, P. R.  
 Rev. W. A. Posey, San Antonio, Texas.  
 Rev. Jamee F. Price, Marlon, Ky.  
 Rev. Casamiro H. Romero, Las Animas, Colo.  
 Rev. J. A. Savage, Franklinton, N. C.  
 Rev. Joseph Sessuka, Saratoga, Iowa.  
 Rev. Frank Shalcross, Cavalier, N. Dak.  
 Rev. Wm. S. Shleis, Atwater, Minn.  
 Rev. Chas. H. Shute, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Rev. Wilson H. Sloan, Savannah, Ga.  
 Rev. A. C. Smith, Union, Miss.  
 Rev. J. D. Stanback, Vaillant, Okla.  
 Rev. B. C. Stuart, Glog Pond, Tenn.  
 Rev. Chas. C. Teris, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Rev. M. van der Beek, Mammoth Springs, Ark.  
 Mr. Manuel Velez, Isabela, P. R.  
 Rev. Geo. P. Watkin, Martinsville, Va.  
 Rev. James E. Welr, Grand Junction, Colo.  
 Rev. Geo. M. West, Forest Lake, Minn.  
 Rev. Julian C. Whittle, Gold Beach, Oregon.  
 Rev. L. B. Williams, Hamilton, Mont.  
 Rev. A. L. Wilson, Decatur, Ga.  
 Rev. Joshua J. Wolf, Booneville, Ky.  
 Rev. George Woodard, Fort Laramie, Wyo.  
 Rev. S. Hall Young, Seattle, Wash.  
 Rev. Wm. S. Young, Richfield, Utah.  
 Rev. Joseph Zimmerman, Port Lavaca, Texas.  
 Miss Donaldina Cameron, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Miss Mary Dupuy, Smith, Ky.  
 Miss Emma Jackson, Haines, Alaska.  
 Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Miss Mary Yeats, Dixon, N. Mex.

### From Union Square Bench And 7 Nickels to General Assembly Commissioner

Ten years or so ago, a young man sat on a bench in Union Square, San Francisco, fingering seven nickels, his last cash. He was hungry, discouraged, down and out.

Today that same man has come back to San Francisco, has gone back to Union Square and, sitting on the bench again, is contemplating the mysteries and marvels of God's way with man. The man is Rhea Kuykendall, of Glenwood, New Mexico, commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly from Rio Grande Presbytery.

Today he came by train from the Southwest.

That other day he had come by boat, the Governor, from Seattle, sailing in through the Golden Gate in the glow of the sunset. He had \$2.25 in his pocket when he landed. A letter awaited him. His chum in Los Angeles was broke. With characteristic generosity, Kuykendall mailed him a dollar bill and determined to earn the money to go to him. The fare by boat to Los Angeles was only \$5.35. He scoured San Francisco for work and found it on the waterfront, shoveling soft coal into gunny sacks in a box car. He ate as he could. It is no matter where he slept at night. Soon he had saved \$4.60 towards his coveted fare—and then work stopped. He sat on the bench in Union Square and counted his change, his pangs of hunger had reduced to seven nickels. With instant decision he arose, spent 10 cents on a ferry to the mainland, and disappeared from the story, for a while. He has never been in San Francisco since, until today.

Rhea Kuykendall reappears a Sunday-school missionary under the Presbyterian Board of National Missions in the border fields of New Mexico. Twenty-two mission Sunday-schools and the scattered families whom they serve are his parish. He preaches at every one of these as he has opportunity, gives them revival services as he can, and visits and encourages his people in their poverty and their loneliness, bringing to them the gospel in a country where churches are not yet.

And he has a strong grip on the rough sons of the West. Last summer he was out at a round-up of the H. V. at Horse-Thief Springs. He had ridden with the boys all day. That night after supper he preached to them of the living water of eternal life, pointing to the gushing Horse-Thief Springs as an illustration. Just 13 years before, to the very minute, he told them, he had himself been dealing a game of black-jack away up in the northern frontier of Canada, and had lost to the tune of \$30. That struck home for the boys at Horse-Thief Springs and they listened.

"So it is that Rhea Kuykendall, Sunday-school missionary, can sit today on the bench of Union Square and marvel at the way God turns all the life of a man to his purposes. He had been a young man disappointed

in his desire to study medicine, and he had wandered off to far places and devious ways.

"My former experience in Union Square," says Mr. Kuykendall, "was as a sinner; my experience now is as a Christian, a missionary and a commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly."

### National Missions Exhibit Covers 125 Years

The exhibit of the Board of National Missions in Larkin Hall of Exposition Auditorium centers around the 125th anniversary of Presbyterian home missions in this country. Beginning with pioneer missionary work soon after the landing of the Pilgrime, when missionaries were sent over by British church and state, the exhibit traces historically the developments of the home mission enterprise up to the present.

A series of historical panels, so sketched as to resemble old woodcuts, starts with 1620, when a charter was granted to the colony of Massachusetts Bay. In this series may be noted the high lights in home mission history—the appointment by the General Assembly in 1802 of the first Standing Committee on Missions, the early evangelization work among the Indians, the pioneering in the wilderness of the west following the gold rush in '49, the opening of Alaska, and later the work in the Southern Mountains and West India. The last panel portrays National Missions as it is today, its scope territorially, and the number of missions. The lettering on these panels is done in high color as a contrast to the sameness of the woodcut drawings.

In addition to these panels a canvas map of North America, 18x5 feet, arranged on a huge frame, allocates in a specific way the fields in which National Missions works today. The fields are designated by small cardboard figures, or groups of figures, representative of the people in the particular fields. At the top of the map a mechanical book tells the story of National Missions. The story is entitled "125 Years Young" and is illustrated with vivid sketches throughout. Here, too, the history of home missions is related, but in condensed form.

### Famous Mushing Parson To Tell About Alaska

The speaker at the jubilee celebration of Presbyterian missions in Alaska, Tuesday morning, May 31, will be Dr. S. Hall Young, of Seattle, known all over Alaska as the Mushing Parson. He went into Alaska in 1878 and in the following year built and organized the first Presbyterian church in the territory at Fort Wrangell. Of this church Mrs. Tillie Paul Tamaree, who is working as a Presbyterian missionary at Sitka, was one of the charter members. Dr. Young has been an eye-witness of the development of southeastern Alaska from a waste land to one of amazing potential wealth, from a country of painted savages and drunken orgies to one of churches and schools and newspapers.

New Books from Pens Of Presbyterians

Dr. James E. Clarke, editor of The Presbyterian Advance, is author of "What is a Christian?" a book that established itself in the souls of thousands of readers and that is now re-issued in a new and revised form. Communicants' study classes find it particularly adapted to their needs. Pastors are more and more putting it into the hands of their parishioners. Its plain language and convincing message explain what it means to believe and to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Dr. Clarke explains that the motive back of the book is to help the average Christian to understand that the Christian life is a struggle and growth. There is comfort and strength in these pages. Study of "What is a Christian?" will enable professing Christians to achieve closer co-operation with God in the realization of His eternal purpose.

"The Other Side of the Door" takes its title from the first sermon in the book, concerning Holman Hunt's immortal painting illustrative of the text "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock." Other subjects in the book include "Turning One's Foot From the Sabbath," "Quit You Like Men," "Milestones on the Way to God," "Woman's Sphere," "The Pillars of the Earth," "A Chance for Every One." Fourteen separate sermons combine to make the volume one well worth reading. "The Other Side of the Door" is from the pen of Dr. William Carter, pastor of Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York. A foreword by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman commends the preachments for their vigour and versatility, and for emphasizing the soul's regeneration as the center of permanent social good.

Assurance of the future life is given with comforting and emphatic proofs in "Beyond the Sunset," by Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles. Dr. Smith effectually disposes of doubts and convincingly preaches the facts of the resurrection. That is eternal life, where are the dead, who recognize our loved ones in Heaven are kindred topics, are herein treated with sympathetic enlightenment. This book will appeal to all thoughtful persons intent on the soul's eternal scope.

A devotional study by Dr. John McNeill which will minister to hungry hearts is contained in "The Twenty-third Psalm." Dr. McNeill, former pastor of Presbyterian churches in New York and Philadelphia, and now of the Church of the Open Door, Bible Institute, Los Angeles, looks on the Twenty-third Psalm as a harp of six strings, every verse a string, so strung and tuned for endless years that any fingers that stray among the strings should bring music out of them. In this tuneful book he makes music that will bring comfort and confidence to many a soul.

What may induce many to begin "the practice of the Presence of God," and what is sure to

strengthen many praying Christians, is contained in "The Fact of Prayers," by Dr. John Elliott Wishart, professor of church history at San Francisco Theological Seminary. In an introduction, Dr. Melvin G. Kyle, president of Xsania Theological Seminary, says: "Dr. Wishart does not make us know everything about prayer and God's attitudes toward it, but he does enable us to catch some glimpses of His glory." The problems and possibilities of prayer are treated with a thoroughness and an understanding that make this volume a convincing treatise concerning the value and validity of prayer between man and God.

"Qualifying Men for Church Work," designed to help meet the deep need for Christian leadership, is a book which should stimulate and instruct men of churches to accept places of responsibility for this in accordance of the Master's plan. It is from the pen of Dr. Gerrit Vorkuy, field representative of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. The chapters form convenient lessons for Sunday and weekday classes in local churches, for training schools and summer conferences. Every minister and layman will find this a helpful volume in the development of the latent man-power of the church.

D. John E. Calfee, President of Asheville's Normal and Associated Schools, has brought together under the title "Chapel Talks," 27 live discussions of subjects vital to the youth of today. Dr. John A. Marquis, General Secretary of the National Board of National Missions, in a foreword says: "Dr. Calfee's long experience as an educator and practical man of affairs uniquely fits him to speak to the young men and women of our troubled era. He not only has ideas that youth need, but he possesses the art of stating them so as to make them strike home. Every young man needs this book and will be immensely helped by reading it."

Dr. R. A. Torrey has published a collection of his popular gospel addresses under the title "The Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He Does." This is supplemented by the sub-title "How to Know Him in All the Fullness of His Glory." These addresses are the fruit of the distinguished evangelist's Sunday afternoon meetings of the past 25 years. The author's aim is altogether practical, to produce immediate results of definite personal blessing in heart, life and service of its readers.

All of these books may be found at the Presbyterian Bookstore, 228 McAllister street, just a short walk from the Civic Auditorium, or may be obtained from the publisher, Fleming H. Revell Co., 158 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.

Accident at Alumni Reunion

Occidental College Alumni reunion and banquet is to be held Friday evening at 6:30, at Hotel Whitcomb. Plates at \$1.50. Reservations made through Mrs. F. J. Boulick, Presbyterian Headquarters, or Mrs. Louis Allen, 1726 Nason, Alameda.

Pageant and Special Music Sunday Afternoon

The National Missions popular meeting, from 3 to 4 o'clock, Sunday, May 29, will be a unique character and in the interest of both the departments of Sunday School Missions and of Schools and Hospitals. The first half of the hour will be devoted to a Sunday School missionary pageant, called "The King's Highway," written for this occasion by Rev. John W. Hoyt, missionary for Benicia Presbytery. The cast is composed of Rev. Ralph W. Bayless, Rev. B. F. Sisad and Mr. Hoyt.

Dr. John A. Marquis will preside. The Trinity Center Church will provide the music with a chorus of 200 children demonstrating the Children's Day music, and a quintette of colored students from Johnson University of Alabama. The meeting will be closed with a brief statement from Dr. O. Forbes, Pacific District Secretary of Sunday School Missions. The quartets will also provide music for the Women's half-hour following, and for the Monday night National Missions Popular Meeting.

The Pageant promises to be a real hit, and the singing of the children's chorus and of the famous quartets will be well worth hearing.

25 Years or More In National Missions

The following missionaries present at the General Assembly or at some of the women's meetings have served National Missions or as constituent agencies 25 years or more:

- Miss Donaldina Cameron, Rev. Sherman L. Clark, Miss Mary M. Crowder, Rev. W. O. Forbes, Rev. E. M. Freyschlag, Rev. E. W. Hall, Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Rev. W. H. McKinney, Rev. Edward N. Murphy, Rev. E. J. Peacock, Rev. J. A. Savage, Rev. James E. Weir, Miss Muriel Wing, Rev. S. Hall Young.

There is present also of the staff of the Board of National Missions, Mr. John M. Somerndike, who served 25 years and more in the service of Sunday-school missions.

Miss Josephine Petrie, superintendent of the office of special work for the Board of National Missions, is due for special recognition.

Reach Souls in Chain Gangs Leave the Hymn Books

One of the colored Presbyterian pastors at Concord, N. C., speaking recently as to the work of his church in the community, said that members of his church during the past year have talked to the men on the chain gang about their souls' welfare; that they preached the gospel on Sabbath afternoon in the prison; that they held daily vacation Bible school and conducted in another part of the town, in a much-needed district, a Sabbath afternoon Sunday-school. The young people of his church visited the hospital on Sabbath afternoon and conducted a religious service.

Biennial Meeting Of Woman's Missionary Societies

Preceding the meetings of the General Assembly, the Biennial Meeting of the women's missionary societies was held in San Francisco. This was the first national-wide gathering in the interests of both national and foreign missions ever held by these organizations. The meetings opened Thursday, May 19, with an official conference which continued through Saturday evening, May 21. This representation at this consisted of a delegated body of synodical, presbyterial and Board officers to the number of 216. They were the official representatives of a constituency of over 427,000 women, young people, and children, enrolled by name in missionary organizations.

On Sunday afternoon a communion service conducted by Rev. Ezra Allen Van Nuys and Rev. Charles R. Erdman, was held in Calvary Presbyterian Church. On Monday the popular meetings opened, continuing through Tuesday evening. It is estimated that between 1,000 and 1,200 women were in attendance at each session of these inspirational gatherings.

The Biennial Meeting was the culmination of a call for a spiritual advance issued at the beginning of the fiscal year by the Boards of National and Foreign Missions, cooperating with the synodical societies, and the conference and program followed the elements of advance emphasized in this call, power, personality, program and prayer. Although ample time was given to a consideration of the purpose and program of the missionary organization, a whole session was devoted to a discussion of race relations in the light of the missionary enterprise, another session to the presentation of the contribution cards for use at emphasis being placed on preparation, response and needs of the field, and a third to the prophetic aspect of missions in view of world trends. Other sessions were given over to messages from the mission field, both at home and abroad. The meetings closed with "The Call and the Answer," as a summary of the year's endeavor in following the call to advance throughout the year.

Place Cards Show Historic Mission Scenes

At the exhibit table of the Board of National Missions in Larkin Hall a set of six National Missions place cards for use at anniversary celebrations may be seen. These show John Elliot preaching to the Indians, a log cabin home of an early Presbyterian missionary in western Pennsylvania, a church service in the forest in the early period of itineration on the frontiers, the crossing of the Platte River on the overland days, Marcus Whitman taking possession of the West for God, and Rabbit-Skin Leggings and No-Horns-on-his-Head, two of the Nez Perces who in 1831 came to St. Louis in search of the White Man's Book of Heaven.

## For Purity, Peace, Unity And Progress

An event of the General Assembly will be the further report of the Special Commission of 1925, authorized by the General Assembly of 1925 in the following resolution:

"That a Commission of Fifteen members be appointed to study the present spiritual condition of our Church and the causes making for unrest, and to report to the next General Assembly, to the end that the purity, peace, unity and progress of the Church may be assured."

The docket calls for the reading of the report Friday morning at 10:15 and for its discussion Monday afternoon.

The Commission was appointed by Moderator Charles R. Erdman, and consists of the following members:

### MINISTERS

Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, D.D., pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, chairman.

Rev. Professor Alfred H. Barr, D.D., McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, D.D., LL.D., pastor of the Shady Side Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Mark A. Matthews, D.D., LL.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington.

Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California.

Rev. Harry C. Rogers, D.D., pastor of the Linwood Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. W. O. Thompson, D.D., LL.D., ex-President Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. Edgar Whitaker Work, D.D., recently pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, New York City.

### LAYMEN

John M. T. Finney, M.D., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, vice-chairman.

Judge John H. DeWitt, LL.D., of Nashville, Tennessee.

Edward Dickinson Duffield, LL.B., president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey.

President Chesman A. Herrick, LL.D., Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Judge Nelson H. Loomis, LL.D., general counsel, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska.

Judge Nathan G. Moore, LL.D., Oak Park, Illinois.

Robert E. Speer, D.D., secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, New York City.

The Commission first reported to the General Assembly of 1926 and was continued in office for further study.

Rev. Henry C. Swearingen of St. Paul, Minnesota, chairman, besides being pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, is chairman of the Presbyterian General Council's Committee on Program and Field Activities, and

is a former Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

The vice-chairman of the Commission, John M. T. Finney, M.D., of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, is Vice-Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly and has a worldwide reputation as one of the leading surgeons of his time.

Of the ministers on the Commission, Dr. Matthews was Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1912. He is pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in the United States, the First Presbyterian at Seattle, Washington, with a communicant membership of more than 7,500. He is a picturesque figure, popularly known as "The Tall Pine of the Sierras." Dr. Swearingen was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1921. His church in St. Paul, the House of Hope, has a communicant membership of about 1,200. Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, is President of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. His Pittsburgh church, the Shady Side Presbyterian, has a communicant membership of more than 800. Dr. McAfee, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Thompson were candidates for Moderator at the 1925 General Assembly.

Of the laymen, Dr. Speer has an international reputation as a great Christian statesman. He is perhaps the only layman in the Church with the title D.D. He studied for the ministry, but was never ordained. Instead, he has devoted his life to the promotion of foreign missions, in recognition of which the University of Edinburgh gave him the degree of D.D. in 1900. Judge Moore is a leading lawyer and bank director of the West with offices in the Lumber Exchange Building, Chicago, and his residence is in Oak Park, Illinois. Judge DeWitt is a native of Sumner county, Tennessee, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, and studied law at George Washington University. He has since practiced law in Nashville, often serving as a special judge. He is a member of the Court of Appeals, which is final on questions of fact in all civic cases. Judge DeWitt's father was a prominent Cumberland Presbyterian minister and editor of Sunday-school literature. All of the members of the Commission are distinguished in the service of the Church.

## Plants Sunday-Schools Thriving Churches Grow

Rev. Albert B. McCoy, who spoke on the place of the negro in the world family, at the Monday afternoon session of the Biennial meeting of the women's missionary organizations, is supervisor of Presbyterian Sunday-school extension among the colored people of 12 Southern states. He has been successful in introducing the daily vacation Bible school movement among his people, as well as in the training of Sunday-school teachers, and has seen many of the Sunday-schools he planted grow into thriving churches. Last summer he was the negro Presbyterian minister chosen to attend the World Conference on African Missions held in Le Zoute, Belgium, in September.

## Woman's Committee Plans Many Events

The Woman's Committee of the General Committee, on Arrangements, 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., is to give a Friendship Dinner for Presbyterian Women, Saturday, May 28, at 6:30, in Hotel St. Francis, at \$1.50 a plate.

The Committee on Arrangements is Mrs. Paul Raymond, chairman; Mrs. John A. McGregor, Mrs. Frederick W. Bradley, Dr. Mariana Bertola and Mrs. George A. Kennedy.

The Woman's Committee extends to visiting Presbyterian women the hospitality of the San Francisco Bay region. Open house will be held at points of interest to church women during Assembly week, as follows:

Chinese—Chinese Mission Home, 920 Sacramento street, San Francisco, Miss Donalinda Cameron, hostess. Ming Quong (Radiant Light), Chinese Girls' Home, 3671 McClellan street, East Oakland, Miss Emma Mills, hostess. Chinese Day School, 925 Stockton street, San Francisco, Miss Mary M. Crowder, hostess.

Japanese—Church and School, 1500 Post street, San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hata, hosts. Russian—Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 939 DeHaro street, San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tanghe, hosts.

Spanish—Church of the Good Shepherd, 756 Union street, San Francisco, Mrs. F. J. Bouick, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Thomson, hosts. Presbyterian Orphanage, San Anselmo, Marin county.

East Bay Drive, Tuesday Afternoon, May 31—Mrs. Ernest Jackson, chairman. Skyline Boulevard, Piedmont, Mills College, University of California. Tea at Westminster House, Berkeley. Mrs. A. F. Hockenbeamer, chairman.

Tea and Social Hour at Fairmont Hotel and Hotel Mark Hopkins, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, May 31, and June 1, 4 o'clock. Tea, fifty cents. Make reservations at Information Booth, Auditorium. Reception Committee, Mrs. Paul Raymond, Dr. Mariana Bertola, Mrs. Frederick W. Bradley, Mrs. George A. Kennedy and Mrs. John A. McGregor.

Information Booth at Auditorium. Parties will be made up for these and other points of interest some representative of the Woman's Committee will be in attendance in the Information Booth at all times. Mrs. W. H. Cook, chairman. Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister street, San Francisco, will be open to all visitors.

Mrs. B. F. Edwards, chairman Woman's Committee.

## Visit Presbyterian Headquarters Building

Presbyterian Headquarters Building, one block from Auditorium, is open to all. Commissioners will spend spare time there. Arrangements have been made by the local committee for all sales of books, taking of subscriptions, and sale of photos, at Presbyterian headquarters Building, as a city ordinance absolutely forbids the same in the Exposition Auditorium.

## Newspapers Nationally Cover Assembly

The widespread public interest taken in the proceedings of the Presbyterian General Assembly is manifested by the thorough way in which the newspapers of the country cover the sessions. At every General Assembly since the Publicity Department was organized eight years ago, the number of reporters present at the press tables has varied from 50 to 80. Some dailies insist on having their staff men present, and we are glad to welcome them. But the great press associations reach every daily newspaper in the country with their reports.

For the 1927 Assembly, at the time this issue goes to press, reservations have been made at the press tables for the following newspaper representatives:

San Francisco Bulletin—Gilman Parker and three other staff representatives, in charge of James Adam, City Editor. San Francisco Chronicle—Mrs. Zilfa Estcourt and Rev. James Clement Reid, Ph. D. San Francisco Daily News—R. H. Purcell and other staff representatives.

San Francisco Examiner—Staff representative.

San Francisco Call—Staff representative.

Oakland Tribune—Staff representative.

Oakland Post-Enquirer—Staff representative.

Berkeley Gazette—Staff representative.

Pasadena Star-News—Alexander Inglis.

Associated Press—A. R. Kinsey, City Editor.

United Press—Staff representative.

International News Service—Staff representative.

Newark, New Jersey, Evening News—Miss Grace McKinney.

Washington, D. C., Evening Star—Rev. George M. Cummings.

Christian Herald—Dr. William Hiram Foulkes.

Boston Evening Transcript—Staff representative.

New York Times—Staff representative.

New York Herald-Tribune—Staff representative.

Tri-State News Bureau, Pittsburgh, Pa.—T. F. Smiley.

The Presbyterian Magazine—Rev. James G. Bailey, Rev. J. Hudson Ballard and Mr. Horace P. Camden.

Chicago Tribune—Staff representative.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Evening Bulletin—H. W. Fry.

The Presbyterian, Philadelphia—Rev. S. G. Craig, D. D., and associates.

Presbyterian Advance, Nashville, Tennessee—Dr. James E. Clarke and associates.

Presbyterian Banner, Pittsburgh—Dr. James H. Snowden.

General Assembly Daily News—Walter I. Clarke, Miss Jane Gillespie, Rev. Herman C. Weber and Mr. Paul M. Hinkhouse.

Dr. Joseph A. Vance of Detroit, for The Christian Observer of Louisville.

## The Gospel of Christ In Action

Dr. John McDowell, secretary, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, had an important part in preparing the annual report of that Board as it will be presented to the General Assembly. He has written especially for General Assembly Daily News the following article, giving some of the outstanding facts regarding the Board's work, also some interpretation of these facts in the light of the great problems now facing our country and facing the world. Dr. McDowell is convinced:

First—That there is no hope for America apart from the Kingdom of God.

Second—That there is no hope for the Kingdom of God apart from the Christian Church.

Third—That there is no hope for the Christian Church apart from a leadership and a membership of vision, knowledge, loyalty and sacrifice.

America cannot be saved, in the view of Secretary McDowell, apart from a Christianity that is roofed and grounded in the Cross of Jesus Christ, and that for the reason that the Cross of Christ is the incarnation of sacrifice and this spirit is the only solution of our national and international problems.

Secretary McDowell's article is as follows:

Before the Pilgrim Fathers set foot on the American soil they took America for God and the Christian religion and entered into a religious compact with one another. This is the way that covenant opens: "In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, have undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, do solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves into a civic body politic."

In carrying out the Mayflower Compact, it is of interest to note that the first building which the Pilgrim Fathers constructed was a Christian church. Next to this was the School and then the Court. Thus we see that the Pilgrims built New England around three houses, the meeting house, the school house and the court house. There was no other way of beginning for them, and there is no other way of continuing a Christian civilization here in America for us. If religion and education and law are to be at home wherever our flag shakes out its folds, the Christian Church, the Christian school and the Christian court must be there to help create Christian character, and breathe the soul of Christ into its gathering society, and to incarnate God and conscience in all of its history and in all of its progress. If we are to have the Plymouth Rock type of life in America, we must be loyal to the Christian religion, to Christian education and to Christian law.

The Board of National Missions in all of its work recognizes that it is not material wealth but moral wealth that makes a nation, not broad acres but true principles. It is not gold, but God. It is the things of God that make a nation strong and keep it strong. It is character personality, ideas, that make a nation good and great. All these qualities are the direct product of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Board insists that the primary function of the Church is to preach the Gospel of Christ. When this Gospel is faithfully preached in all of its fulness, it produces the right kind of men and women, the only solution of the commercial, the political, social, industrial, national and international problems of our day. The Board believes that "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation" for the individual and the nation alike, and that the Christian Church is the ordained channel through which this Gospel is to be proclaimed and propagated. By the Christian Church is meant the "Body of Christ," an instrument for building up the community rather than an institution built up out of the community.

The Board is proclaiming and propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the source of all national goodness and greatness—first of all through 2,085 ministers of churches, 194 Sunday School missionaries, 32 colporteurs, 25 itinerant missionaries, 339 community workers, 1,016 teachers, 27 chaplains, 15 doctors, 44 nurses, 19 evangelists, 119 executive and field workers and 211 other directors—total 4,018. History and experience prove that nothing is so potent as trained and consecrated personality in the building of the Kingdom of God into the life of the nation. Nothing influences so largely and lastingly. Jesus Christ still lives, and in these 4,018 missionary workers He is again sending His disciples before His face to do His work in places where He Himself is waiting and eager to come. They are His face to show His smile of kindness, or His look of tender love, or His frown of holy indignation against impudent wrong, His eyes to weep tears of pity over human sorrow, His lips to breathe words of comfort and compassion, His ears to hear the complaints of the stricken, His heart to bear the burdens of the oppressed.

In sixty different languages the missionaries of this Board are seeking in every way to express the spirit of Christ, to proclaim the message of Christ and to do the work of Christ—saving the lost and ministering to the needy. So faithfully have these men and women done their work that we are not surprised that a poor woman coming out of a country district in one of the towns asked all she met to guide her to the place where he had the broken to heart." She had heard that it could be done and in this town, too, if she could find the place. And she did find it. It was a Home Mission station. This is a parable of the work of our home missionaries who stand in these

lonely places as the one agency with a promise for broken hearts, and that the promise of Christ, "Come unto me—and I will give you rest."

Second: The Board is proclaiming and propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ through 7,463 different missionary enterprises. By missionary enterprises we mean enterprises which could not continue their work were it not for the assistance given them by the Board of National Missions. Many of these are in the neediest portions of our country. They include 2,034 churches, 908 preaching stations, 3,221 Sunday Schools, 217 boarding schools, day schools and training schools, 135 community houses, 8 hospitals, 13 dispensaries and clinics, summer camps and daily vacation Bible Schools. In a word, every agency which can be used to make life better and brighter is employed by the Board in carrying on its work. The value of these enterprises is undated and fostered by the Board is splendidly illustrated by the following chapter in the history of a Western town:

"The town was crude; there was no church, a poor school, much drunkenness, and many cases of family disgrace and social disorder. When a dam was built across the river and a mill erected, many thought that the new means of employment and the money thus added to the income of the community would soon bring in the Kingdom. In a short time better clothes began to be worn and better houses began to be built. But drunkenness did not stop, nor profanity, nor Sunday lawlessness, nor street frolics, nor family disorders. Then the wiser ones said: 'We must have a better school.' A new building was erected and a more cultivated teacher was employed. There was some improvement, but no radical change.

"Then one young man, whose roots of life had been fed by the Spirit and Gospel of Jesus, settled in the village. He made no criticisms and indulged in no comments, but he moved among the people as a genial friend. From his hands a few good books passed to the more thoughtful young people. First a reading club came, then a temperance society, later a quiet prayer meeting, and finally a gracious minister preaching in a plain man's heart's here and there were touched. Parents responded to the appeals to their better nature. Children came together in a Sunday-school. At last a religious society was organized and a little chapel was built. Results? A new community! A bright look in mother faces; a new language on the children's lips; the saloons first deserted and then closed; the constable nothing to do and the docket of the Justice of the Peace with few entries; homes full of happiness! A smiling village, because the souls of the people had been fed. More money? Yes! But far better than that—more manhood! Religion had transformed human hearts; the church had brought life somewhat under the law of love."

There never was a time in the history of our country when the Christian Church was a great-

er necessity than at the present because America was never in more need of the moral quality which the Church contributes to the life of the nation. Not more legislative statutes, but more of the spiritual convictions of a rational piety; not more luxuries, but more of the ethical motives that flow from the Christian nurture of the church; not more wealth, but more of the moral power bestowed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ—this is the supreme and most imperative need of our day. The supreme task of the Church, as the representative of Jesus Christ, is to equip the hearts of men and women with Christian truth and Christian spirit, out of which will issue a glorious service of love here and a more glorious service of love hereafter. Only the service of Christian love can save America from the three most deadly enemies which are now threatening her very life, namely, self-will, the desire to be outside the law of obedience, greed, the desire to be outside the law of sacrifice and isolation, the desire to be outside the law of fellowship.

The Board of National Missions is convinced that the motives that turn the wheels of daily life, the inspirations that promote self-sacrifice, the force of will that resists temptations and compels obedience to truth and justice, the aspirations that create character and guide handi-  
aft, will vanish if religion withers, the Christian Church perishes and the Gospel of Jesus Christ ceases to be preached in the nation.

The Board believes that the Church is the generator of the commanding convictions respecting God, salvation, duty and immortality, that propels the arterial tides and gives vigor and joy to our national life. We heartily agree with President Eliot that "The Church is the permanent organ of society's life." Then a Christian church in any community and it becomes at once the nucleus of law, order, moral living, and civic virtue. Such communities multiplied across the State give character to a commonwealth, and such multiplied commonwealths make a nation strong by making it righteous.

The primary task of the Board of National Missions, therefore, is to touch the hearts of people with the spirit of Christ, re-create life at its source and centre and then men will fast abandon selfishness and outgrow lawlessness. The Board believes that a compact made new in the love of Christ is the greatest prevention of crime and the only assurance of democracy wise enough to rule and good enough to be trusted. In order to create such a democracy the Board seeks to improve the individual by the re-creative operation of the grace of God in his heart, the truth of God in his mind and the law of God in his conscience.

After one hundred and twenty-five years of experience the Board is convinced that a generation that has lost faith in God and ceases to love Jesus Christ will support His Church will not long serve the nation or the world. The cry heard in these days— "More money for hospitals and



less for churches," is like the cry, "More water for reservoirs and less for the springs." Facts are at hand to prove that the greater proportion of money for all benevolent and educational institutions supported by private contributions comes either directly from churches, or indirectly from them, through men and women whose education has been received in the churches and whose ideals have been obtained there. In all fairness the Church should be measured not merely by the institutions it sustains, but by the inspirations it imparts.

Every true American wants the words "Our Country" to stand for a living soul that is as omnipotent as the Hand of God, and as loving as the heart of Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of humanity. God forbid that the time may ever come when the Treasury at Washington shall be full and the nation's heart empty. We are convinced that the greatest need of America today is the Gospel of Christ in all of its fullness and the service of Christ in all of its implications—in a word, the Gospel in action. The meeting of this need is the sole justification for the existence of the Board of National Missions and its primary appeal for support.

Nothing better illustrates the contribution which the National Missions has made to the life of this country than the following story told of a minister in a New England village who, having labored for a score of years for his parish and community, felt that the work of his life was done. He presented his resignation and prepared to leave the town. He had been a true "man of God" to his people. He had loved them, taught them, exhorted them, sacrificed for them and labored with them. He had been a part of their home life in hours of joy and in times of sorrow, always helpful to old and young. He had been a wise friend to the children and an inspiring companion and counselor to young women. Young men and women had received from him not only sympathy but intelligent guidance. The troubled business man never left his presence without new light on his problems and new grace in his heart. Sins he had fearedlessly rebuked, but sinners he had most tenderly and successfully brought to repentance. The truly penitent always went back to his task with the assurance of divine forgiveness. This man the Church had kept before the community for a score of years as his guide, friend and teacher. When he resigned, the leader of his congregation was asked by an obscure shopkeeper whether it was true that the minister was to leave the village. When told that such was the case, the man expressed great regret, adding, after a moment of silence, "It is too bad. We ought not to lose him; and, poor as I am, I would give a hundred dollars to have him remain with us!" The minister's friend was deeply touched and greatly surprised by the remark. He said: "I am

pleased but also astonished to hear you speak in this way, for you are not, I believe, a member of our church. Have you often heard him preach?" To this the shopkeeper replied: "No, I am not a member of your parish, and I never heard your minister preach a sermon. In fact, I never spoke to him in my life. But I tell you, sir, I don't want him to leave us, for, whenever he walks by my shop I say to myself, 'There goes a true man, and that moment everything good in me feels stronger, and I find that it is then easier for me to live as I ought.'"

This is the story of not only a village in New England, but of thousands of villages in this country in which the representatives of the Board of National Missions are preaching and practicing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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### News and Subscriptions for

#### General Assembly Daily News

General Assembly Daily News goes to press at night. Items intended for next issue should be handed to Desk 4 on the Assembly platform, during the day, or will be received at Room 212, Presbyterian Headquarters Building, 226 McAllister street, day or evening. Copy closes at Room 212 at 9 p. m. for the next day's issue. Sign your name and address as guarantee of good faith, for the editor's assurance of responsibility, not necessarily for publication.

We welcome personal items, announcements of meetings, reunions, alumni gatherings, anything properly pertaining to the interests of the Commissioners of the Assembly.

This paper is circulated free to Commissioners at the Assembly. We will undertake also to mail a complete file for 1926, promptly at the close of the Assembly, to any address on receipt of 25 cents paid in cash at Room 212, No. 226 McAllister street. Under the city ordinance no subscriptions can be received within the walls of the Civic Auditorium.

#### Copies of Moderatorial Sermon

We have a reserve supply of copies of the Moderatorial Sermon by Dr. Thompson. Please send requests for copies to Walter Irving Clarke, Presbyterian Publicity, 518 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Woman's Day Events for General Assembly

In conjunction with General Assembly there has been for many years a meeting for women's Woman's Day—fostered formerly by the Woman's Boards of Foreign and National Missions, and in later years by the Woman's Committees of the same Boards. This Woman's Day has always attracted the attention of and provided delightful program for the women in attendance at General Assembly.

This year Woman's Day will be on Friday, May 27. The sessions will be held in the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco. Arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Harold Wright, General Chairman, with the following Committee leaders:

Miss L. Boole, decorations; Mrs. C. T. Peterson, ushers; Miss Olive Hyde, music; Miss Edith Slack, reception; Miss Ethel Field, information; Mrs. C. H. Dehman, in charge of the literature display and sales department.

The program is being arranged around the theme, "The Power and Privilege of Missionary Service." One of the features of the program will be the introduction of a large number of missionaries, National and Foreign, to the audience, followed by a number of short messages on typical hits of missionary work by missionaries, and two longer addresses bringing a message from each of the National and Foreign Boards.

Following the program at 4:30 there will be an informal tea and reception in the chapel of the same church. Here the missionaries will be assisting hostesses. The sessions will be from 10:30 to 12:30 and from 2 to 4:30.

### Make Announcements Through Daily News, Not From Platform

The Stated Clerk wishes to impress an important point concerning platform announcements at the General Assembly.

In order to expedite the business of the General Assembly, and in order to serve to the best advantage those who have legitimate notices to be presented to the Commissionere, it is imperative that such notices, as far as possible, be printed in General Assembly News, instead of being announced from the platform. Announcements from the platform not only retard the work of General Assembly, but they are also unsatisfactory in that many Commissioners do not hear or do not understand them. Every Commissioner receives free the issues of General Assembly Daily News and this sheet is the official medium for the publication of announcements of meetings, reunions and other events associated with the sessions of the General Assembly.

Those who have announcements to be made will therefore please convey them to the Editor of General Assembly Daily News, Mr. W. I. Clarke, manager of the Publicity Department. He may be found while General Assembly is in session in the press room, at the press tables, or at Desk No. 2 on the platform. At night he may be found at Hotel St. Francis.

### Wilshire Presbyterian Choristers to Sing During General Assembly

The Wilshire Presbyterian Choristers of Los Angeles are an organization of 50 boys and men, the choir of Wilshire Presbyterian Church in that city. This choir was founded and is directed by William Ripley Dorr, who for several years was concert organist of the celebrated Paulist Choristers of Chicago, and a pupil of Father William Joseph Flun in boy voice training and choral conducting.

The choir consists of 30 young boy sopranos, 10 older boys who sing the counter-tenor or alto part, and a dozen men who sing the necessary tenor and bass parts. The sopranos are trained to sing with a delicate, pure, ethereal quality of tone, and all of the first sopranos can take high C with ease and accuracy. The counter-tenors are all adolescent boys, who have previously received the soprano training, and have then been re-trained to sing counter-tenor when their voices showed signs of change. Their tone, being of the same kind as the sopranos, blends beautifully with the soprano tone, and forms an entirely adequate alto part, something very rare in male choirs.

The Wilshire Choristers make a special feature of their capella, or unaccompanied, singing. Their large and varied repertory comprises no less than 25 unaccompanied anthems, motets and choruses, ranging in style and period from Palestrina and Praetorius to the most modern Russian and American composers. In their various appearances in San Francisco the choir will sing many interesting numbers, some of them familiar, as the Coudon "Sanctus," and others seldom included in church choir repertory, such as Zingarelli's beautiful motet, "Go Not Far From Me," and Gretchaninoff's great eight-part "Cherubic Hymn."

The soloists of the organization are Nestor Aber, 12-year-old boy soprano; Robert S. Sargent, tenor; and Dudley F. Kuzell, baritone. Ralph Day, Jr., assistant.

The choir will sing at various public services in San Francisco during the General Assembly.

### Insert Foot-Note

#### In Princeton Report

In connection with the report of Princeton Special Committee, insert as foot-note to Recommendation I on Page 49, the following:

"This recommendation resolution repeats directions of General Assemblies of 1893 and 1923, which recommended that Seminarere operating under dual boards should change to one board of control. It also repeats directions of the General Assemblies of 1894 and 1895 to Princeton Seminary to so amend the charter as to secure to the General Assembly the right to be represented in the courts and to enforce its proper control over the Seminary and its property. These directions of former Assemblies have not been fulfilled."

The above foot-note to Recommendation I is authorized by the Princeton Special Committee.

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## Dr. Wilson Here from Canada Church

Rev. W. G. Wilson, M. A., D. D., minister of the First United Church of Victoria, B. C., Canada, is attending the Assembly as a fraternal delegate from the United Church of Canada, and will address the Assembly on the occasion of exchange of greetings among fellow communions. Dr. Wilson is accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, and they are stopping at the Bellevue Hotel.

Dr. Wilson will tell the Assembly of the success of the union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians in Canada. He has been secured by Dr. George W. Phillips of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church of Oakland as the morning preacher over KTAB May 29, and at 7:45 p. m., he will preach in the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco.

Dr. Wilson is a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, and is considered one of the ablest preachers in the United Church. Attempt will be made by some of his parishioners in Canada to listen to his broadcast sermon.

### Commission on Polity

The room for the Committee on Polity is on the fourth floor at the west end (Polk Street) of the corridor.

### Department of Vacancy And Supply

The room in Polk Hall, where the Commissioners have been registering, has been assigned to the Department of Vacancy and Supply. Office hours begin Friday, May 27, at 8 a. m.

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## TODAY'S DOCKET

The Docket is necessarily of a tentative character, subject to daily changes. It is the duty of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures "to prepare and digest business for the Assembly." This Committee has the floor at the opening of each session "to report its recommendations as to orders of business or references of papers, and this right of the Committee shall take precedence of the orders of the day." All the business sessions of the General Assembly and the popular meetings authorized by the General Assembly, will, unless definite notice is given to the contrary, be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California.

Friday Morning, May 27

- 9.00 A.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Reading of the Minutes of Thursday's sessions. Announcement of membership of Standing Committees as elected by the Electing Sections. Announcement of appointments by the Moderator.
- The Vice-Moderator.
  - The Chairmen of Standing Committees.
  - The Committee to Canvass the Returns on the Overtures sent down by the Assembly of 1926. (Three ministers and two elders.)
  - The Committee on Resolutions of Thanks. (Three ministers and two elders.)
- Revision of Standing Committees as required by the Moderatorial appointments.
- Presentation of Gavel to the Moderator.
- Response by the Moderator.
- Introductions by the Local Committee on Arrangements.
- 9.30 A.M. Report of the Office of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk, executive head.
- Department of Administration.
    - Report by the Stated Clerk on papers filed with the Permanent Judicial Commission on Wednesday, May 25, at 10.00 A.M.
    - Presentation by the Stated Clerk for reference to appropriate Committees, of the usual Assembly documents, Overtures, Synodical reports, reports of Special Committees, annual reports of Theological Seminaries, etc.
    - On Overtures sent down to the Presbyteries by the 1926 Assembly.
    - Miscellaneous matters.
- 9.35 A.M. The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures asks leave to retire to meet immediately in its Committee Room.
- The Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation asks leave to retire, to meet immediately in its Committee Room.
- The Standing Committee on Finance asks leave to retire, to meet immediately in its Committee Room.
- Report of the Office of the General Assembly, continued.
- Department of Administration.
  - Department of Publicity.
  - Department of Vacancy and Supply.
  - Department of Historical Research and Conservation. (Presbyterian Historical Society.)
  - Department of Church Co-operation and Union.
- 10.15 A.M. Report of the Special Commission appointed by the General Assembly of 1925. Reading of the Report. Discussion Monday afternoon.
- 11.30 A.M. Memorial Devotional Service. Report on Ministerial Necrology. This report is followed by an appropriate hymn, and the Assembly is led in prayer by senior ministers present.
- 12.00 Noon. Report of the General Council.
- Report continued, Saturday, 8.40 A.M.
- 12.45 P.M. Report of Standing Committee on Finance, recommending the per diem allowance.

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## General Assembly Proceedings

The 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. held its first business session in the Civic Auditorium Thursday afternoon, May 25.

Robert Elliott Speer, D. D., of Englewood, New Jersey, senior secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, was unanimously elected Moderator without opposition.

Mr. J. Willison Smith of Philadelphia, President of the West End Trust Company of that city, made the nominating speech. The second speech was made by Dr. Hugh K. Walker of Los Angeles.

Mr. Smith said that it was an unusual privilege for him to come from the City of Brotherly Love to nominate for Moderator one who was raised in the foothills of Pennsylvania and one who did not really need a nominating speech. The candidate he would name had served the church faithfully and well in the name of Christ, and had received the call for service in the path of duty before he had finished his studies for the ministry. He had recognized the call to paramount service for the Master and had not only enlisted many other men and women into the service of the Lord but himself had been listened to in countless addresses expressing his consecrated and earnest devotion to the Christian faith. Mr. Smith referred to his own personal experience of 25 years ago when this nominee had touched his life and awakened it to a deeper interest in the cause of the great Board which he represented. The man whose name he wished to present was an executive and administrator, a world scholar, and an ambassador of Jesus Christ, known, esteemed and loved throughout the world, for his deep Christian character and for his fitness for any office within the authority of the General Assembly to bestow. He was therefore honored to present the name of him who had for many years been a secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Robert E. Speer.

At the mention of Dr. Speer's name, the entire body of commissioners, numbering nearly 1,000 men, rose to their feet and applauded continuously.

Dr. Walker stated that he was glad to follow Mr. Smith, who himself had served the church

as few had served it in recent years. He said that Dr. Speer was one of the best known and best loved men as well as one of the most efficient and ablest laymen in the Protestant Church in America. He referred to the action of the University of Edinburgh in granting the degree of Doctor of Divinity to Robert E. Speer notwithstanding the fact that he was not a Reverend, the only case that he knew of in history of a layman being thus honored. He regarded Dr. Speer, and many regarded him, as the most outstanding Protestant on the American continent. He was a missionary statesman whose name was a household word in mission stations around the world. One of Dr. Speer's daughters was still serving the Master in far-away, war-riven China. The election of Dr. Speer as Moderator would honor in constructive fashion the overtures which had come up from the presbyteries for a crusade for evangelism. Under his leadership the church would be united as it had not been for years and would go forward to the greatest constructive year in its history.

Dr. Walter B. Greenway of Philadelphia moved that the nominations be closed and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to cast the ballot electing Dr. Speer by the unanimous vote of the Assembly.

Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Stated Clerk, announced that the ballot was so cast.

The retiring Moderator, Dr. W. O. Thompson, appointed Mr. J. Willison Smith and Dr. Hugh K. Walker as a committee of two to escort Dr. Speer to the platform. Dr. Thompson welcomed Dr. Speer as his successor, as a friend and beloved brother and as a servant approved of God. Dr. Thompson spoke of Dr. Speer as one of the three or four if not the first Christian statesmen in America today. He considered that the church had honored itself in calling Dr. Speer to this office. He handed the new Moderator the official copy of the rules, which he confessed that he himself had not read, and which he trusted Dr. Speer would have no occasion to read. He handed him the gavel, which he knew he would not abuse as a symbol of office and authority. He knew that Dr. Speer would peacefully wield the gavel successfully in the best interests of a united church.

Dr. Speer said that he was not insensible to the great honor accorded him, but that it had been his earnest hope and prayer that another candidate would be found for the Moderatorship. He had rather hoped that the Moderator would be found among the working pastors of the church, a leader of a definite flock. More and more as the years went by he had come to realize that the strength of the church lay in the pastors. The church could not do too much to recognize and to dignify and glorify the pastorate, which was the highest and best of all the services of the church throughout the world. He felt also that the Moderator ought

to be an old pastor, and preferably an old country pastor, who had toiled through a generation or two of men and who would properly be honored in being lifted from a field of quietness to a place of highest honor. Preferably also he should be an old home missions pastor, particularly at this time of the 125th anniversary of the National Board, to bear clear and sure testimony, in unequivocal terms, assuring the whole world in these days of unrest and upheaval in foreign lands that the church was clinging with deathless tenacity to its world-wide enterprises in the cause of Christ, and that we intend to hold fast to our own missionary purposes and obligations. We must as a church enable the whole world to discern us as devoting ourselves afresh to our sacred duty of extending the Christian faith to all mankind. Dr. Speer urged the Assembly in its proceedings to bear witness to the indissoluble unity of our fellowship. We must be one body in a great forward movement in the name of the Master. He felt like referring personally and particularly to two presbyteries. He thanked the Assembly for his own Presbytery of Jersey City, from which no Moderator had ever before been chosen. And then there was the dear old presbytery in the hills of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, to which his heart went back over a memory of 50 years. He felt that among the faithful, devoted body of consecrated men and women who had gone up higher from that presbytery, there must today be rejoicing that their old presbytery had thus been signally honored. And then there was another hill to which one's thoughts turned on this Ascension Day, and in connection with that hill he referred to the Man of Galilee, and he urged that all re-consecrate themselves anew to bearing testimony to the lifting up of Jesus Christ among us so as to make him known throughout the world and to bring all men unto him.

The Assembly extended a unanimous rising vote of thanks and of appreciation to the fine spirit manifested by those who nominated Dr. Speer.

Judge M. Linn Bruce, Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission, reported that the Commission was in session at Hotel Clift, with all present except Judge Warner E. Settle of Frankfort, Kentucky, and that the Commission was prepared to proceed with the cases committed to it.

Dr. Ezra Allen Van Nuya, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, expressed a heartfelt welcome to the Assembly on behalf of the community. He called attention to the fact that American and church flags were flying over the city in recognition of the Assembly's presence. The hearty hospitality was manifested everywhere. Californians were glad to greet their fellow Presbyterians from all over the United States in an Assembly whose keynote was evangelism.

It was announced that Moderator Speer would be the leader for the memorial devotional service of Friday morning, attending the report on ministerial necrology.

An impressive break in the proceedings of the Assembly was made by the announcement of the death of Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., founder and "father" of Christian Endeavor. Dr. John Timothy Stone of Chicago led in prayer in recognition of the great work which Dr. Clark had left as his monument. Dr. Stone referred to Dr. Clark as one who had a vision as far as the heavens and a mind as sweet as a little child's, who had set aside all other duties to serve and stimulate the youth of all lands toward lives of Christian ideals.

In announcing the assistants to the Stated Clerk, tribute was paid to Dr. Scott Smith, who so long and faithfully served as an assistant to many sessions of the Assembly.

### Information Bureau Has City Travel Desk

Attention is called to the General Information Bureau placed in the lobby at the main entrance of this building for the convenience of all commissioners and visitors.

Through the courtesy of the American Express Company, a city travel desk is part of this bureau—open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. Any questions relating to points in and about San Francisco, will be answered here. Sight-seeing trips at special Assembly rates have been arranged, and information will be supplied regarding hotels, railroads, private cars and travel.

Please be as patient as possible—there are several thousands to be served.

### Dr. Foulkes Writes for The Christian Herald

The Christian Herald of New York, one of the most widely known and highly esteemed periodicals of the United States, of which Daniel A. Poling is editor-in-chief, realizing the importance of adequate interpretation of the proceedings of the Presbyterian General Assembly, sought a church leader to serve as its staff correspondent from the Assembly and persuaded Dr. William Hiram Foulkes to render that service to the church and to its readers.

Dr. Foulkes is now pastor of the Old First Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey. He was general secretary of the New Era Movement and previously general secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation.

### Newspaper Man Here

Mr. J. Andrew Boyd, managing editor of The Record of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is a commissioner to the Assembly.

### Missing Articles

For missing articles inquire at the Information Bureau.

### Dr. Foulkes Speaks At Tonight's Meeting

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey, will be the speaker this evening in the Civic Auditorium. Dr. Foulkes will speak Sunday morning in the Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley, and will occupy Dr. Frank M. Sibley's pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland next Sunday evening. Dr. Foulkes served as general secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation for six years, and was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon. He has held other pastorates in Elmhurst, Illinois; Clinton, Iowa; New York City; and Cleveland, Ohio. He is chairman of the Committee on Religious Work of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., and served for five years as general secretary of the Presbyterian New Era Movement.

### Meet Mr. Cargill

Rev. C. G. Cargill, of Seymour, Texas, is again representing the interests of The Presbyterian Magazines. He may be found in the lobby or on the sidewalk in front of the Auditorium, and will be glad to take your subscription at the special General Assembly rate of \$1 for two years. Whether you subscribe or not, it will do you good to meet Mr. Cargill.

### Woman's Day

Today is being observed as Woman's day under the Boards of Missions, in the First Congregational Church, by sessions from 9:30 to 12:30 a. m., and from 2 to 4:30 p. m. There will be the presentation of missionaries and inspiring messages from the fields. A formal reception will be held in the church reception room at 4:30. The public is heartily welcome.

### Here for Paterson Paper

Sera Jean Arnold represents The Morning Call of Paterson, New Jersey, at the press tables of the Assembly.

### Dubuque Luncheon

The University of Dubuque luncheon will be held in the St. Francis Hotel, Friday, at 12:15 p. m.

### Mission Study Classes

Mission study classes will be held at Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister Street, Saturday morning, May 28, and Monday morning, May 30, from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Mrs. Silverthorn will teach on Saturday from Dr. Covert's book "The Adventure of the Church," on Monday from Miss Burton's book, "New Paths for Old Purposes."

Any who are interested in securing this help for teaching mission study classes through the coming year will be most welcome.

### Occidental Banquet

Reservations for Occidental College banquet may be made by signing the list on the bulletin board in the hall. The banquet will be at Hotel Whitcomb this evening, at \$1.50 a plate.

**For Real Romance  
Of Presbyterianism  
Read This Book**

Under an action of the Synod of California, a history of the origin, growth and development of the Presbyterian Church in California has been prepared by Edward Arthur Wicher, D. D., Robert Dollar Professor of New Testament Interpretation in San Francisco Theological Seminary, and is now on sale at the Presbyterian Book Store in San Francisco. Sample copies are on exhibition in the lobby of this hall. Under an ordinance of the city authorities no publications of any kind can be taken in this hall, hence copies must be ordered from the Book Store.

According to the publishers this book is one of absorbing interest for the church. It deals with the romance, heroisms and faith of the earliest Protestant ministers and must be considered along with the story of the pioneers who faced perils by land and sea, the heat of the desert and the snow of the mountain passes, for the lure of gold.

Presbyterianism came to the Coast in the persons of consecrated ministers and missionaries, not for gold, but for Christ, and the history of their efforts is one that ranks with the records of the padres and Spanish missions, and goes beyond them in the contribution made to society and the Kingdom of God. The price is \$3 a volume, obtainable at the Book Store, Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister Street.

**Canton Station  
Working As Usual**

The following cablegram from Canton, China, signed by Rev. Edwin E. Walline, secretary of the South China Mission, has just been received by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions: "Canton Station working again as usual. Experienced workers intend taking a trip to Yeangkong Station, Kwantung. True Light Middle School for Girls, Canton, tenth anniversary meeting a complete success."

**San Francisco  
Theological Dinner**

The annual dinner of the alumni of San Francisco Theological Seminary will be held in the Lounge Room, 17th floor, Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets, at 6 p. m., Tuesday, May 31.

Tickets may be secured at Seminary office, 205 Headquarters building, or from Dr. W. H. Landon, A. A. Pratt, L. E. Stein, S. D. Archibald or C. J. Ghormley.

A short business meeting will be held after the dinner.

All former students and friends of the Seminary are cordially invited.

**Class of 1925 to Dine**

A reunion of class of 1925, San Francisco Theological Seminary, is to be held Monday evening, May 30, at 6, at Wilson's, 155 Geary Street. Every member of the class of '25 please make a special effort to attend. John J. Canoles, senior president.

**TODAY'S DOCKET**

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- 12.50 P.M. Treasurer's announcements. General announcements.
  - 12.55 P.M. Order for recess and closing prayer.
  - 1.00 P.M. Annual General Assembly picture.
- Friday Afternoon, May 27**
- 2.30 P.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.
  - 2.50 P.M. Chairmen of Standing Committees report at platform Desk No. 1, to receive business assigned by Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, and ask leave to retire.
  - 2.55 P.M. Announcing leader of Saturday's (10.45 A.M.) devotional service. Treasurer's announcements. General announcements. Adjourning order to meet Saturday, 8.30 A.M., and closing prayer.
  - 3.00 P.M. Report of the Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary. Reading of the Report. Discussion Saturday morning. All Standing Committees meet for organization and business in places assigned.
- Friday Evening, May 27**
- 7.45 P.M. Popular meeting under the direction of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation.

General Rules for Judicatories. 1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the judicatory stands adjourned; and shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the session with prayer.

**Golf Trophy to  
General Assembly Members**

The courtesy of the Presidio and San Francisco golf courses is offered to the commissioners of the General Assembly, both lay and clerical, by signing their names in the visitors' book and indicating the club to which they belong. The public courses of Harding Park and Lincoln Park are open to them on the payment of the green fee of 75 cents.

Mr. Rodger Lapham, president of the San Francisco Golf Club, has offered a trophy, open to the commissioners of the General Assembly whose handicaps are 18 or under, to be played for on Saturday morning at the Presidio golf course, if they will leave their names at the Information Bureau by tonight. They will have to start before 10 o'clock, as the courses are not open to them on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. This trophy will be called the San Francisco trophy, to be played for annually at the time of each meeting of the General Assembly. The winner will be considered the champion of the Presbyterian Church for that year. Twenty-five entries, at least, will be necessary in order to hold this event.

For information regarding this, get in touch with Dr. W. K. Guthrie of the First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

**Free Publications**

For extra free copies of General Assembly Daily News and other official publications for distribution, apply at Information Bureau.

**Friendship Dinner  
For Presbyterian Women**

The Woman's Committee of the General Committee on Arrangements for the General Assembly has arranged a Friendship Dinner where all Presbyterian women, whether Biennial delegates, wives or daughters of commissioners, or unofficial visitors, may come together for a social evening, Saturday, May 28, at 6:30, at Hotel St. Francis. Tickets are \$1.50.

More than 1,100 tickets have been sold, and are being mailed as rapidly as possible to the San Francisco addresses of visitors. Where this has not been given, the tickets will be left at the Information Booth, Civic Auditorium. If tickets have not been received by this morning, leave full particulars at the Information Booth and they will be traced or duplicate tickets issued.

If any tickets remain, they will be on sale at the Information Booth this morning.

**See Dubuque Exhibit**

The University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, is represented at General Assembly by President-emeritus C. M. Steffens, Rev. H. J. Reemtsma, an alumnus, at Raymond, California, is in charge of an exhibit for the school, with the Board of Education's exhibits.

The Dubuque luncheon will be held Friday noon, in the Borgla Room, St. Francis Hotel. All alumni and friends of Dubuque are cordially invited to attend. A card for reservations is in the lobby of the Exposition Auditorium, or they can be made at the Dubuque exhibit.

**Foreign Missionaries  
At General Assembly**

Foreign missionaries from most of the 16 countries in which the Presbyterian Board of Missions carries on work will attend the Presbyterian General Assembly May 26-June 1, in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. Among them are the following:

- Slam—Rev. Paul Eakin of Bangkok.
- Africa—Rev. G. C. Beauland, of Yaounde, Cameroon.
- Mexico—Rev. and Mrs. Norman W. Taylor, of Oaxaca, Miss Lucille L. Sage of Jalapa.
- South America — Rev. W. B. Boomer of Chile, Rev. and Mrs. Fred E. Johnson of Central Brazil, Miss Ellen A. Tompkins, Barranquilla, Colombia; Rev. W. E. Vanderbit, Barranquilla, Colombia.
- Persia—Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. Sheild of Resht, Rev. Charles R. Fittman of Tabriz.
- Korea—Rev. Cyril Ross, of Syenchun, Rev. Clarence S. Hoffman of Kangel.
- Japan—Rev. Gordon K. Chapman.

India—Miss Lena May Froese, of Vensula; Mrs. H. G. Howard, of Kodoli; Rev. Walter Allison, of Etawah; Mrs. W. J. Wanless, of Miraj; Rev. E. M. Wilson, of Islampur; Mrs. A. W. Marshall of Kolhapur; Rev. Ralph B. Nesbitt, of Hoshiarpur; Dr. Maud Allen, of Ferozepur.

China—Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lewis, of Yeong Kong; Rev. and Mrs. David S. Tappan, of Hainan; Miss Mary T. Banks, of Canton; Mrs. Robert M. Atcher, of Wehsien; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. March, of Hangchow; Rev. Emory W. Luccock, of Siangtan; Rev. Harry G. Romig, of Tengkhsue, Rev. D. Ernest Crabh, of Hunan Mission; Rev. George C. Hood, of Nanshuchow; Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Callender, of Anungang; Rev. Wallace McAfee, of Hanking; Rev. A. M. Cunningham, of Pooting; Dr. G. T. Footell, Changteh.

Foreign missionaries have been asked to make their headquarters at the Foreign Board's exhibit space in Larkin Hall. Commissioners and their friends may make inquiry concerning them and may meet them there by arrangement. Many of the missionaries have agreed to serve at the exhibit, where they will be glad to meet commissioners and to give first-hand information regarding the work on the Foreign Field. The Foreign Board has prepared an extensive exhibit of literature published by it. A feature of the exhibit is the large number of posters prepared by children in mission study classes during the past year.

**First Floor Reserved**

All seats on the first floor of the Auditorium are reserved for commissioners and for those who have cards for reserved sections. Please respect this arrangement. These reservations do not hold, however, at night, later than five minutes before the hour scheduled. On Sunday there will be no reservations at all, all seats being open all that day.

**Mr. Hays Here Today**

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Presbyterian Laymen's Committee, is to arrive this morning, to make report to the General Assembly on the outcome of \$15,000,000 Pension Fund Campaign. He will make his report Saturday morning. Wives are coming from all sections of the nation giving final figures on the amount raised, and the grand total will be known when he tabulates the returns tomorrow morning.

The members of the National Laymen's Committee and other laymen who were active in the Pension Fund Campaign who are attending the General Assembly will meet at dinner at the St. Francis Hotel this evening, Mr. Hays presiding.

**McCormick Seminary Dinner**

Monday evening at 6, dinner will be served at Presbyterian headquarters, 228 McAllister Street, when McCormick Theological Seminary alumni will meet. Those who expect to attend will please sign the notice at Polk Hall in the Civic Auditorium. Dinner is complimentary.

**Trinity Center Invites**

Trinity Center, a demonstration parish under the City, Immigration, and Industrial Department of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, welcomes you to San Francisco and cordially invites your inspection.

Sunday, May 29, the program will be:

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. John A. Marquels, D. D., LL. D., general secretary, Board of National Missions. A beautiful ritualistic service of worship. Music by the quintette of colored singers from the Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte, N. C.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. H. N. Morse, clerk, Board of National Missions. A popular type of service attracting hundreds of people. Motion Picture: "The Man Nobody Knows," from Bruce Barton's famous book.

Take car No. 9 on Market Street and ride to 23d Street. Walk east one block and a half.

**Macalester Alumni**

The alumni of Macalester College will meet for luncheon at the Whitcomb Hotel, this noon at 1 o'clock.

**No Platform Notices**

No notices will be given from the Assembly platform, except under important necessity. Submit all notices to Desk No. 4 for publication in next morning's General Assembly Daily News.

No papers, pamphlets, notices or literature of any sort may be distributed either within or outside the building, except through Desk No. 4.

In any case, no distribution will be permitted of anything that does not directly pertain to the Assembly, the Boards and Agencies of our denominational work.

**Musical Program**

At the devotional hour today, Mrs. George Calfee, organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, is to be at the organ. The solo leader will be Miss Ironmonger of Napa, California.

At the evening popular meeting, Uda Waldrop will be at the organ and Lawrence Moore will be song leader. Music by the East and West Bay Welsh Choirs will include "Thanks be to God," from "Biljah," and "Hallelujah Chorus."

At the Saturday morning devotional hour Mr. Kennedy, organist of the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, will be at the organ.

**File Your Vouchers**

Commissioners will please file mileage and entertainment vouchers with the Treasurer at once. You will find him at the place named "Section F," in the front corridor.

**Princeton Dinner**

Alumni and former students of Princeton Seminary are invited by the Seminary to a complimentary dinner on Monday evening at 6:30, at the Roof Garden of Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets. It is necessary for those who expect to attend to sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the Main Entrance corridor at the Civic Auditorium.

**Dr. Zenos a Commissioner**

Professor Andrew C. Zenos of McCormick Theological Seminary is one of the commissioners of the General Assembly. He has for many years been clerk of the Presbytery of Chicago, is a graduate of Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey, and of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Zenos is the author of many books and editor of the Standard Bible Dictionary.

**Lane-Lebanon Lunch**

Alumni and former students of Lane-Lebanon Theological Seminary will lunch at Hotel Stewart Monday, May 30, at 1:15. Rev. Edgar Whitaker, Work, D. D., will preside. President R. Ameer Montgomery will speak on the co-operative plan to be inaugurated by Lane Seminary in September.

**Saves 1,500 Girls**

Miss Donaldina Cameron, superintendent of the Chinese Mission Home in San Francisco, has in the 25 years of her service as a Presbyterian missionary rescued 1,500 Chinese girls in the towns of the Pacific coast. Known as the White Spirit, she is feared in all the Chinatowns as one who is herself fearless. The girls whom she rescues are taught English and Chinese, and the Bible, and domestic arts, and are prepared for useful lives. She is one of those whom in this anniversary year the Board of National Missions delights especially to honor. She was one of several missionary speakers Monday afternoon at the women's biennial meeting.

**Open House**

The various home missionary institutions of San Francisco will keep continuous open house for the commissioners and their friends. Russian tea will be served at Potrero Hill at the Neighborhood House. Although it is necessary to climb a steep hill to reach the House, the view is worth the effort. The Russians were influential in this section of the Pacific Coast even before the Spaniards, and some of their descendants are to be found not far from the doors of the Settlement.

Spanish refreshments will be served at the House of the Good Shepherd, 756 Union street, and Chinese tea will refresh the visitors who come to meet Miss Donaldina Cameron at 920 Sacramento street.

**110 Miles From Railroad, This Sunday-school Combats Vice**

An occasion of real interest in Presbyterian National Missions affairs as well as in those of New Mexico, occurred on May 14, when Reserve, New Mexico, graduated its first high school class. Reserve is a comparatively new frontier town 110 miles from the railroad. Only three towns of any size in the United States are farther from a railroad than Reserve. In it, the practice of the old frontier still obtain.

Gambling games are conducted openly day and night and liquor is sold over the bar without molestation.

Its interest for National Missions is that when the town was started a Presbyterian Sunday-school missionary, Rev. J. D. Henry, went there and organized a Sunday-school, which he has carefully nurtured and which up to the present is the only Christian influence in the entire community. Since the Sunday-school was organized the elementary school was started and then a high school.

This Sunday-school offers the only opportunities that these boys and girls have for Christian instruction in the midst of all the vice that has free sway in that community. When the officials asked the Sunday-school missionary to find a preacher to deliver the baccalaureate sermon he selected Dr. Rudolph W. Caughey, the National Missions syndical executive in New Mexico.

**Gospel Among Negroes**

Last year 143 students finished the teacher training course in the colored boarding schools operated by the Board of National Missions. From these same schools more than 700 negro youth volunteer workers pledged themselves to work, during their summer vacations in their churches and Sunday-schools. Some were teachers, others had charge of the music and others filled important places in the life of the school. As a result of this work 3,026 colored boys and girls were brought into the Sunday-school for the first time, and 56 new schools were organized in neglected communities.

**Moderator's Sermon**

A revised edition of the Moderator's sermon will be printed and copies will be available, free of charge, on application to Walter Irving Clarke, Director of Publicity, 518 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**San Francisco Committees Deserve Great Credit**

Great credit is due to the San Francisco committees for the way in which preliminaries were perfected in setting up the General Assembly. The executive secretary and all his aids did a most painstaking and remarkably thorough and satisfactory piece of work in every detail.

**Makes Desert Bloom**

Rev. Fred Mitchell, who speaks at the Monday evening popular meeting on National Missions, has built up at Ganado, Arizona, among the Navajo Indians, a significant mission, which includes a school, a hospital, a church and a large community work. Though working for nearly 10 years without a single convert, he can now look around him at a group of native Christians whom he has trained, and who are now lay evangelists among their own people and are opening new missions in the territory round about. He has translated much of the New Testament into the Navajo language, which he studied early in his ministry while recovering from a broken back. Ganado itself Mr. Mitchell has transformed by wells and a reservoir from an almost hopeless waste, from which it was thought the mission would have to be moved, into a green spot in the desert.

**Indians to Join Church**

Thirty-five of the young Indians attending the government school at Phoenix, Arizona, have expressed their desire to unite with the Presbyterian church at Phoenix. This comes as a result of the week-day religious classes which Rev. George Logie, worker of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, conducts regularly among the 600 Protestants of this school.

**Correspondence Room**

The Correspondence Room is located in Polk Hall.

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## Flood Imperils Presbyterian Work in South

The Board of National Missions has just received the following telegram from Rev. J. C. Barr, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and president of Presbyterian Hospital, New Orleans. Westminster is the largest Presbyterian church in that city and the only Presbyterian church, U. S. A., there.

"Crevasse at McCrea puts all our work in Southern Louisiana west of Mississippi river in immediate peril. Betty Memorial chapel and community house at Labadieville in direct path of flood. Church buildings at Gheens and Paradise will probably be swamped later. Upwards of 100,000 more people menaced by this last break. All of our increasing constituency in this vast area will probably be rendered homeless. No way yet to gauge accurately impending loss. Presbyterian hospital of New Orleans has thrown its doors open for the fres medical treatment, regardless of denomination, of refugees pouring into city. \$10,000 needed now. Should threatening disaster continue to spread, our responsibility will be much heavier. The brethren thank you for your heartening letter and rest in the love of the great church which it expresses."

For further information see Dr. John A. Marquis, general secretary.

## Nominees for Board of Christian Education

That the following be elected by the General Assembly to succeed themselves on the Board of Christian Education in the Class of 1927-30:

Ministers—Daniel Russell, D.D.; Arthur J. Elliott; Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D.; Joseph M. Broady, D.D.

Laymen—Frederic P. Vose, A. C. Bigger, Mrs. John MacArthur Harris, Mrs. Frank C. Roberts, Edward F. Hitchcock, Guilford C. Babcock, Miss Mary Ashby Cheek, Miss Genevieve Chase, Thomas N. Brown.

\* That in the place of John A. Macintosh, D.D., deceased, of the class of 1927, Rev. George Brewer, D.D., be elected on the Board of Christian Education.

That in the place of John MacIvor, D.D., resigned, of the class of 1928, Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D., be elected on the Board of Christian Education.

## Auburn at Whitcomb

Auburn Seminary alumni will have a dinner Monday, May 30, at 6 p. m., at Hotel Whitcomb.

## TODAY'S DOCKET

Saturday Morning, May 28

- 8.30 A.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Reading of Minutes of Friday's sessions. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Report of The Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary.
- 10.00 A.M. Report of General Council, continued. Department of Church Co-operation and Union, continued. Introductions by the Chairman, and addresses by the representatives of the following interdenominational agencies:  
American Bible Society.  
American Tract Society.
- 10.45 A.M. Devotional service.
- 11.15 A.M. Report of the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation. Nomination of Board members. Election, Wednesday, 9.35 A.M.  
Report of Laymen's Committee on the Pension Fund.
- 1.15 P.M. Announcing leader of Monday's (10.15 A.M.) devotional service.  
Treasurer's announcements.  
General announcements.  
Adjourning order to meet Monday, 9.00 A.M., and closing prayer.

Saturday Evening, May 28

- 4.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. Young People's Forum and Banquet under the direction of the Co-operative Council on Young People's Work.
- 6.00 P.M. Men's Fellowship Dinner under the direction of the General Council.

Sunday Morning, May 29

- 11.00 A.M. Sermon by the Moderator in the Calvary Presbyterian Church.  
Sermons by Commissioners and Visitors in various churches as arranged by the Local Committee on Pulpit Supplies.

Sunday Afternoon, May 29

- 2.30 P.M.-5.30 P.M. Popular meetings conducted successively by the Boards of Christian Education, National Missions and Foreign Missions, in the Civic Auditorium.

Sunday Evening, May 29

- 7.45 P.M. Popular meeting under the direction of the Board of Christian Education.

## Corrected Schedule For Popular Meetings

Following is the corrected schedule for Sunday afternoon popular meetings:

2:30 to 3:30—Board of Christian Education. Auditorium: Moral Welfare mass meeting. Addresses by Dr. Robert E. Speer, Dr. M. Willard Lampe, Miss Maude M. Aldrich, Dr. Daniel Russell, Polk Hall: Children's meeting. Children's stories.

3:30 to 4:30—Board of National Missions. Auditorium: Pageant, "On the King's Highway," by Sunday-school missionaries. In the interest of the Board's work in behalf of unprivileged children and youth. Dramatization by Chinese

and Japanese children. Children's chorus from Trinity Center.

4:30 to 5:30—Board of Foreign Missions. Auditorium: Speakers—Rev. Ralph B. Nesbitt, India. Rev. G. C. Beaman, Africa. Rev. Frank W. Bible, D.D., secretary Central District.

## Carry Your Papers

Commissioners—Do not leave any papers or books in the Auditorium after adjournments. The Auditorium is cleaned out after each session of the Assembly.

## Look for Telegrams

Telegrams that cannot be delivered will be found posted on the bulletin board in the front corridor.

## General Assembly Proceedings

At the opening of Friday's session of the General Assembly it was announced that the Moderator had appointed as Vice-Moderator Rev. Warren H. Landon, D. D., LL. D., president of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The entire membership of standing committees was announced and official printed lists were circulated. The list of chairmen of these committees is printed in another column.

Dr. Ezra Allen Van Nuys, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presented a beautiful gavel to Moderator Speer. In accepting it Dr. Speer said that it was an emblem of self-control for the entire Assembly. Inasmuch as it was made of various elements bound together, it typified for the church many diversities, all in unity.

Dr. Van Nuys introduced Mayor James Rolph, Jr., an Episcopalian vestryman of Scotch antecedents and Presbyterian affiliations. The Mayor extended welcoming greetings to the Assembly and he and the Moderator exchanged felicitous remarks.

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson for the Department of Church Co-operation and Union presented Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, chairman of General Assembly's Committee on Near East Relief, who in turn introduced Secretary Charles H. Vickrey of Near East Relief. Mr. Vickrey told how Christian Americans had saved a host of starving orphans in the wake of the great war and how these orphans were being brought up in Christian ideals and leadership to leaven the great unchristian mass of that crowded section of the world. He said that these young people were being afforded life, hope and opportunity to serve a new and better world.

On motion of Dr. Stevenson the Assembly gave its endorsement of the resolutions to continue the work of Near East Relief and recommended the co-operation of the churches.

The report of the Special Commission of 1925 for the peace, purity, unity and progress of the church was read by the chairman, Dr. Henry C. Swearingen. This report consisted of many printed pages. Under the rules discussion

and consideration of the report went over to Monday.

For the General Council's Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. J. Willison Smith reported that the New Era Movement and Inter-Church debts had finally been paid. The Assembly expressed its approval by vigorous applause. Mr. Smith reported that progress was being made in the plans for the reduction of the necessary overhead expenses of the Boards.

Dr. Swearingin, for the General Council, reported cuts in operating expenses and explained details of the work of the Committee on Program and Field Activities throughout the past year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the co-operative promotional activities of the General Council, as authorized by the Form of Government and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and as carried out through its Committee on Program and Field Activities as presented in its report, be approved.

2. That the operating budget be fixed as follows: A total sum not to exceed \$237,000 for the year June 1, 1927, to May 31, 1928; of which budget not to exceed \$12,000, if needed, shall be applied toward the expense of the Presbyterian Magazine.

3. That the second Sunday of March, 1928, be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday. The Assembly authorized a rate of \$4 a day for the entertainment expenses of each commissioner.

Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, State Clerk, presented the reports of the Departments of Administration, Publicity, and Vacancy and Supply, which were approved.

The report of the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary was read by the chairman, Dr. William O. Thompson. The full report made a large book. Extracts are printed elsewhere in Under the rules consideration of and action on the report went over to this morning.

### Greetings to Scranton

At the request of Elder Roswell Phillips, Moderator Speer forwarded the following telegram:

Miss Martha E. Phillips, 172 South Hyde Park Avenue, Scranton, Pa.: Please give to the Young People's Department of the Washburn street Presbyterian Sunday-school my greetings and read to them First John, third chapter, first three verses.  
ROBERT E. SPEER.

### Fishermen's Club

The Fishermen's Club of San Francisco (Matthew 4:18) will hold a street meeting at the corner of Sixth and Market this evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

### Dubuque Exhibit

Facts and general information regarding the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, a General Assembly institution, specializing in Christian Americanization work, which is this year celebrating its famous jubilee year, having originated in 1852, can be secured at the exhibit of the school.

### Chairmen of Assembly's Standing Committees

Bills and Overtures—Rev. A. P. Higley, D. D.

National Missions—Rev. Hugh K. Walker, D. D.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Stuart Nye Hutchison, D. D.

Christian Education—Rev. John E. Bushnell, D. D.

Ministerial Relief and Sustenance—Rev. J. Willison Smith.

Polity—Rev. George L. Robinson, D. D.

Theological Seminaries—Rev. George P. Baity, D. D.

Finance—Elder Clement H. Cochran.

Mileage—Elder John I. Pasek.

Leave of Absence—Rev. George R. Harland, D. D.

Synodical Records—Rev. Rockwell D. Frank, D. D.

Nomination of Members of General Council—Elder Robert E. Speer, D. D.

Nomination of Members of Permanent Judicial Commission—Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, D. D.

Resolution of Thanks—Rev. Walter B. Greenway, D. D.

Canvass of Overtures—Rev. R. P. Daubenspeck, D. D.

### Vincennes Wants

#### Assembly of 1930

Vincennes, Indiana, announces that in 1929 the First Presbyterian Church of Vincennes will extend an official invitation for the 1930 Assembly to meet in that historic city. Dr. J. W. Boyer, pastor of the church, is in San Francisco attending the Assembly as a visitor, and incidentally letting the churchmen know that Vincennes desires the Assembly in 1930, when it meets in that zone.

The local, state and national governments will spend nearly \$2,500,000 in a great and fitting memorial to George Rogers Clark, who captured Fort Vincennes in 1779 from the British. His great victory broke the hold of the British upon the western country and the Indians, and added the original Northwest Territory to our domain. This territory includes the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Presbyterianism in this western country owes a great debt of gratitude to Vincennes and vicinity. The virile forces of Protestantism entered this western Territory in 1806 through the gateway of Vincennes.

Vincennes is ideally situated for the Assembly. The new coliseum seats 7,200, and has ample rooms for the business of the committees. The hospitality of the people of Vincennes is offered the commissioners and visitors. Definite efforts will be made to bring the 1930 Assembly to Vincennes.

### Current Exchange

Mrs. DeBeer of Philadelphia, a visitor at the Assembly, carried a bottle of water from the Atlantic Ocean clear across the country and poured it into the Pacific Ocean. Then she took a bottle of water out of the Pacific Ocean and is carrying it across the country back to the Atlantic.

### Dr. Marquis to Speak

Dr. John A. Marquis, general secretary of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, New York, will be one of the speakers at the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Board, before the General Assembly.

Dr. Marquis is the author of several books, among them being "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher" and "The Christian Conception of Property."

After 11 years as president of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he accepted the administrative position of secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and during his 10 years as executive officer the Board has greatly expanded its work and program. His first pastorate was in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and from 1902-1905 he served the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands, California.

### Men's Banquet Tonight

The men's banquet will be held this evening at 6:30, at the Palace Hotel. Tickets are all sold. Persons having tickets please understand that tickets of any color admit to either of the two rooms. The program is to be repeated. It will be exactly the same in each of the rooms. It is desired that those who have tickets will be there promptly in order that serving may begin on time. The Moderator will be there and extend greetings. Ex-Moderator Thompson and Mr. J. Willison Smith will preside and the Willshire Boy Choir of Los Angeles will entertain with special music. Fellowship hymns will be sung in both rooms.

### McCormick Dinner

Monday evening at 6 o'clock dinner will be served at Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister street, when McCormick Theological Seminary alumni will meet. Those who expect to attend will please sign the notice at Polk Hall in the Civic Auditorium. The dinner is complimentary.

### Colored Commissioners

Pastor and people of Westminster Presbyterian Church invite the colored commissioners of the General Assembly to attend the evening service at Westminster, Sunday, May 29, at 8 o'clock.

An informal reception at the close of this service will give these commissioners and their friends an opportunity to meet three college presidents and their wives who are attending the Assembly.

Westminster Church is at the corner of Page and Webster streets.

### East Bay Drive

Women visitors are invited to a drive on the East side of the Bay, Tuesday afternoon, May 21. Take 1:20 Key Route ferry at the foot of Market street. Allow 20 minutes to get to ferry from Auditorium. Cars will be ready for a two-hour drive, ending with a tea at Westminster House, Berkeley, Presbyterian student center.

Sign up for this at Information Booth at Auditorium by Monday. Mrs. B. F. Edwards, chairman Women's Committee.

### Dr. Macartney Speaks For Memorial Observance

On Monday morning, May 30, at 10:15 a. m., the General Assembly will take special recognition of Memorial Day.

A number of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and many of the Sons of Veterans are among the commissioners to the General Assembly who have gathered from every State in the Union. The Presbyterian Church played a great part in saving the Union. One of the notable Presbyterian families which took part in the Civil War was the famous McCook family, known as the "fighting McCooks." Eight of the brothers were high officers in the Civil War and most noted of them was Major Daniel McCook, who commanded a division at the Battle of Stone River and Chickamauga. Another brother was the famous author and entomologist, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

On the battlefield of Antietam there stands a fine monument to Presbyterian soldiers. It is the monument to the famous Round Heads, who were a regiment composed of psalm-singing Presbyterians from the western counties of Pennsylvania.

The address will be delivered on Monday by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, formerly of Philadelphia, now pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and a former Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Macartney is well known as a student of the Civil War and is the author of "Lincoln and his Generals" and "Highways and Byways of the Civil War."

### New Church Buildings

Those desiring interviews regarding church buildings or manses, please see Rev. A. B. Keeler, Room 219, 228 McAllister Street. Hours on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday between 8:30 and 12 a. m. and between 1 and 6 p. m.

### Side Trips Going Home

Some of the Eastern commissioners may want to visit interesting points where various types of work under the Board of National Missions is to be carried on, upon their return trip from the General Assembly. For information concerning side trips, apply to Rev. Ralph J. Hall, Room 219, at Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister Street.

### Trip to Ganado Mission

Anyone desiring to visit the Presbyterian Ganado mission, including Ganado, Indian Wells and outstations, on the Navajo reservation, Arizona, en route from the meeting of the Assembly, may consult Rev. Fred G. Mitchell, superintendent of the mission, as to time, itinerary, and cost of the trip. Monday and Tuesday between 8:30 and 9:30, at the National Missions exhibit, Larkin Hall. Mr. Mitchell will be one of the speakers at the National Missions popular meeting, Monday evening.

# Assembly Pulpit Assignments for Sunday

## San Francisco Presbyterian Churches

Church	A. M. Service.	P. M. Service.
First	Morse, Dr. H. M., D.D.	
Calvary	Speer, Dr. Robert E.	Foulkes, Rev. W., D.D.
Grace		Thompson, Rev. Lester A.
Cood Shepherd	Romero, Casimero A.	
Howard	McCartney, Dr. C. E.	Thompson, Dr. Wm. Oxley
Japanese Fed.	Whitener, Rev. H. C.	
Lebanon	Ryall, Dr. George M.	Van der Las, Dr. R. A.
Lincoln Park	Bates, Dr. Charles T.	Tanner, Rev. C. S.
Mizpah	Morton, Rev. Earnest L.	Harland, Rev. George R.
Ocean Ave.	Clyde, Dr. J. B.	Van der Maaten, Dr. R.
Olivet	Gardner, Rev. O. E.	Everett, Rev. F. C.
Porthurst	Miller, Rev. E. W.	
St. James	Twitty, Rev. R. B.	
St. John's	Thompson, Dr. Wm. O.	Same
St. Paul's	Keeler, Rev. E. M.	None
Seventh Ave.	Greenway, Dr. William	None
Trinity	Marquis, Dr. J. A.	Morse, Rev. H. N.
Welsh		
Westminster	Squires, Rev. W. A. Ph.	D. & Savage, Rev. J. A. Long, Rev. Geo., D.D.
Chinese	Fisher, Dr. A. J. (China)	

## Alameda and Berkeley Presbyterian Churches

Alameda First	Wilson, Rev. James M.	Mitchell, Rev. Fred G.
Berkeley First	Mathews, Dr. Mark A.	Speer, Dr. Robert E.
Bkly. Calvary	Reed, Rev. J. Frank	Dahenspeck, D.D.
Bkly. Knox	Hammond, Rev. E. F.	Reid, Rev. H. Frank
Bkly. Northrae	Foulkes, Rev. Wm. H.	Boyd, Rev. Oscar
Bkly. St. John's	Erdman, Dr. C. R.	LL D. None
Bkly. Westminster	Vanderbilt, Dr. W. E.	Price, Rev. W. N.
Bkly. San Pablo	Foreman, Dr. Chas. R.	

## Oakland Presbyterian Churches

First	Kerr, Dr. Hugh T.	Erdman, Dr. Charles R.
Brooklyn	Melnes, Dr. David I.	Bittinger, Dr. A. P.
Centennial	Wright, Rev. Paul S.	Koehler, Rev. Chas. F.
Elmhurst	Griffiths, Rev. Hugh C.	Jones, Rev. W. (Ohio)
Emmanuel	Thompson, Dr. D. A.	Same
Fruitvale	Martyn, Dr. James M.	Gardner, Rev. O. E.
High Street	Price, Rev. J. F.	Steffey, Rev. E.
Park Blvd.	Reichard, Rev. H. S.	Bone, Dr. Winstead Payne
Union Street	Bensinger, Dr. G. R.	Beatty, Dr. Geo. P.
Welsh	Owens, Rev. R. W.	Jones, Rev. Llewelyn
Eastmont	Kline, Floyd E.	

## Miscellaneous Presbyterian Churches

Alvarado First		
Burlgame First	Robinson, Rev. G. L.	Robinson, Dr. H. McA.
Callistoga		
Centerville		
Concord	Richardson, Rev. L. K.	
Danville	McKinney, Rev. W. W.	
Hayward	Sproul, Rev. N. J.	Lampton, Rev. Theo. A.
Healdsburg	Braum, Rev. Richard H.	Same.
Hollister	Mowry, Rev. Thomas C.	Same.
Irvington		
Livermore		
Los Gatos	Carson, Rev. Robert F.	
Menlo Park	Mervin, Rev. Milton C.	Same.
Marysville		
Monterey	Fisher, Rev. Charles	Same.
Mt. Tamalpais	Brown, Rev. George W.	
Napa	Cochran, Rev. Earl	Same.
Newark	Wolf, Rev. Joshua	
Palo Alto	Higley, Rev. Adelbert	Borsly, Rev. Howard
Pleasanton	Palmer, Rev. F. N.	Same.
Richmond	Weir, Dr. W. F.	Reed, Rev. J. Frank
Rodeo	Huston, Rev. Wm. R.	
San Anselmo	McClure, Dr. Wm. L.	
San Leandro	Cram, Rev. D. W.	Same.
San Rafael	Nichols, Rev. Rolt. H.	
Sta Rosa First	Clarke, Rev. J. E.	
Stega	Bigger, Rev. R. R.	Bradfield, Rev. E. K.
Vallejo	Sproul, Rev. Nat. G.	Same.
Valona		
Walnut Creek	Rawson, Rev. E. C.	
Mt. View	Tanner, C. S.	

## San Francisco Congregational Churches

First S. S.	Bair, Rev. John Willis.
Mission Park	Pires, Rev. Emmanuel C.
First	Dr. Hutchinson
Richmond	Knight, Dr. Walter David.

## Oakland Congregational Churches

Church	A. M. Service	P. M. Service
First		Lampe, Dr. M. Willard
Calvary	Inglis, Rev. Robert	Brank, Dr. Rockwell
Olivet	King, Rev. Geo. M.	
Elgrim	Dunham, Rev. J. Harvey	Garrison, Rev. Ralph A.
Plymouth	Boyd, Dr. Oscar	

## Berkeley Congregational Churches

First	Covert, Dr. W. Chalmers	Bushnell, Dr. J. T.
North	Wigginton, Rev. Thos. A.	

## Miscellaneous Congregational Churches

Alameda First	Kirkwood, Dr. Robert A.	Miller, Rev. J. H.
San Rafael	Van Nuys, Rev. Walter	

## San Francisco United Presbyterian Churches

First	Smith, Rev. Herbert B.	Fulton, Dr. George
Community	Tompkins, Dr. D. B.	Palmer, Rev. John C.
Stewart Mm'l.	King, Dr. Alva	Thomson, Dr. James D.

## Oakland United Presbyterian Churches

Oakland U. P.	Hicks, Joseph P.	McClure, Rev. W. L.
	M. E. Churches, San Francisco	

First		Bates, Rev. Chas. F.
Wesley	Curry, Rev. Joseph E.	Seamans, Rev. F. O.
Hamilton	Mair, Rev. Geo.	Bowman, Rev. E. S.
Central	Howard, Dr. Clyde W.	Magary, Dr. Alvin E.
Epworth	Lyman, Rev. R. Hantley	Bernalis, Rev. Charles
Wesley M. E. So.	Walker, Dr. James E.	

## Oakland M. E. Churches

Fruitvale	Offut, Rev. Robert M.	
Melrose		Gahagen, Rev. Clair
83rd Ave.	Schillerstrom, Rev. Glenn	
St. Stephen's	Romig, Rev. Harry G.	Lucecock, Rev. C. B.

## Berkeley M. E. Churches

Epworth M. So.	Alexander, Rev. G. C.	
Shattuck Ave.	Smith, Rev. Robert Asa	Lewis, Rev. Wm. D.
Trinity	McDivitt, Dr. M. M.	

## Alameda M. E. Church

First	Beatty, Dr. G. P.	Hertzog, Dr. George N.
	San Mateo M. E. Church	
San Mateo M. E.	Ketelle, Rev. Hubert	Same.

## San Francisco Baptist Churches

First	Rodger, Dr. Harry	McDivitt, Rev. M. M.
Third (colored)	Lee, John W. (Phila.)	McCrory, Dr. Johnson C.
		(Smith College)

## Berkeley Baptist Churches

First	Russell, Rev. Daniel	Klein, Dr. Wm. F., D.D.
Thousand Oaks	Lucecock, Rev. Elvery	

## Alameda Baptist Church

First		Klene, Dr. John G.
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## Oakland Baptist Church

First	Walker, Dr. Hugh	Mathews, Mark A., D.D.
	San Francisco Methodist Churches	

Grace	Downs, Dr. Francis S.	
Fitzgerald Mem.	Bible, Rev. Frank W.	Love, Rev. Wm. B.
Calvary	Cremens, Rev. W. H.	Brownback, Rev. O. D.

## Berkeley Methodist Churches

Northrae	Beatty, Rev. Frank E.	Lucecock, Jr.
Shattuck Ave.	Hunter, Rev. James	Montgomery, Samuel T.

## San Francisco Episcopal Church

Trinity	Adams, Dr. Charles R.	None.
	Oakland Episcopal Church	
St. Paul's	McKean, Dr. Frank	

## Alameda Episcopal Church

First	Blair, Rev. W. Q.	
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## San Francisco Christian Churches

First	McFarland, Rev. J. M.	
West Side	Sinclair, Rev. A. G.	Robinson, Rev. Geo. L.

## Oakland Christian Churches

Fruitvale	Duer, Dr. James M.	
First	Clippinger, Rev. E. W.	Stephenson, W. A., D.D.

## Miscellaneous Churches

Oakland, KTAB	Wilson, Rev. W. G.	Bible, Rev. Frank W.
Oak., Ch. & Miss.	Brethren-Krebs, Rev. Paul S.	Turner, Rev. H. L.
Alliance	Kennedy, Dr. David B.	
Pied. Comunt'y.	Ferguson, Rev. Hector	

## First Floor Reserved

The first floor of the Auditorium is entirely reserved for commissioners and for those who have reserved section cards.

## Committee on Finance

The standing committee on finance will meet at 4 p. m., May 30, in Washington Room, third floor, Larkin street side.





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## Action on Princeton Seminary

Consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary occupied considerable of the General Assembly's time at the Saturday session. Dr. William O. Thompson, chairman, suggested for the Committee some changes in the recommendations accompanying the Committee's report. The Assembly consented to the Committee's offering of these alterations, and the recommendations as submitted read as follows:

### Recommendations

The Committee, after due consideration, unanimously offers the following recommendations as its best judgment for a procedure on the part of the Assembly, having in mind the welfare of the Seminary and the preservation of all the precious history, traditions, sentiments, and loyalties of a century of service to the Church and the Kingdom of God.

1. That the Assembly appoint a committee of eleven members of whom at least three shall be ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America who are learned in the law, said committee to be constituted by the continuance of the present Committee and the appointment by the Moderator of six additional members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary, and two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary, and two of whom shall be from the church-at-large; with the further provision that three of the six new members of the Committee shall be ministers and three of them ruling elders; that said Committee proceed to confer with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton and co-operate with said Board of Trustees in obtaining such amendments to the Charter of the Seminary or such additional articles of incorporation and preparing such ordinances or by-laws and taking such other action as they may be advised by counsel is necessary or proper to establish a single Board of Control for said Seminary, define the relationship and recognize the right of control of the General Assembly under the existing trusts, so as to assure the rights of the Presbyterian Church in the trust property and its control over the instruction of the Seminary; and to co-operate in preparing a complete plan for the educational work of the Seminary under the administration of the new Board and under the direc-

## TODAY'S DOCKET

Monday Morning, May 30

- 9.00 A.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Reading of Minutes of Saturday's session. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.
- 9.20 A.M. Report of General Council, continued. Presentation of gavel, by Rev. Frank M. Sillsley, D.D. Report on Princeton Theological Seminary, continued. Devotional service. Recognition of Memorial Day.
- 10.15 A.M. Report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education.
- 11.00 A.M. Nomination of Board members. Election, Wednesday, 9.55 A.M.
- 1.00 P.M. Vote on question—"Shall a trustee or trustees of the General Assembly be elected this year?" If in the affirmative, "Shall election be appointed for Wednesday, 9.25 A.M.?"
- 1.00 P.M. Treasurer's announcements. General announcements. Order for recess and closing prayer.

Monday Afternoon, May 30

- 2.30 P.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Report of General Council, continued.
- 2.45 P.M. Consideration of Report of Special Commission of 1925, as presented on Friday morning, May 27. Report of Department of Church Co-operation and Union, continued. The Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Introduction of distinguished guests and fraternal delegates. Telegrams received and sent. Miscellaneous matters.
- 3.55 P.M. Announcing leader of Tuesday's (9.30 A.M.) devotional service. Treasurer's announcements. General announcements. Adjourning order to meet Tuesday, 9.00 A.M., and closing prayer.
- 4.00 P.M. All Standing Committees meet for business in places assigned.

Monday Evening, May 30

- 7.45 Popular meeting under the direction of the Board of National Missions.

tion and control of the Assembly; that in all such conferences between said Committee and said Trustees the present Board of Directors be requested to participate in an advisory capacity by the election by them for that purpose of a committee of five of their members. The enlarged Committee herein authorized is hereby directed by the General Assembly to report to the next Assembly for approval and adoption the proposed changes or additions to the charter and the new plan for the administration of the Seminary.

2. That pending this reorganization, the appointment of Professor J. Gresham Machen to the chair of Apologetics be not confirmed and that the further consideration of this appointment be deferred until after the reorganization proposed in this report shall have been effected.
3. That pending the reorganization proposed all other nomina-

tions or elections to the Faculty be not approved, and the further consideration of such appointments be deferred until the reorganization proposed shall have been effected.

Considerable debate ensued over the motion to adopt the recommendations. The opponents of the report offered a substitute, the purport of which was regarded by the Committee as delaying for another year any definite action as to recommendation 1. This proposed substitute was defeated by a rising vote, the successful majority being about two-thirds of the commissioners.

Recommendation 1 was then adopted as printed above, the majority vote being increased.

Because of the approach of the hour for the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, consideration of the remainder of the recommendations was postponed until this morning.

## Victory of Pension Plan At Assembly

One of the most affecting and impressive scenes in the history of the Presbyterian General Assembly took place Saturday morning in connection with the official announcement of the inauguration of the New Pension Plan and of the success of the campaign of the Laymen's Committee for the raising of \$15,000,000 additional endowment for the funds of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation.

Mr. Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Laymen's Committee, was visibly overcome in this climax of one of the most difficult undertakings ever launched by the church. Commissioners in the Assembly, particularly ministers who have labored many years, wept tears of joy and gratitude at the announcement of the achievement. Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, for several years general secretary of the Board, who had a large share in launching the first movement for more adequate pensions, was similarly affected.

The Board of Ministerial Relief had its accustomed Saturday place on the official docket. Dr. Andrew Mutch, president of the Board, and Dr. Henry B. Master, general secretary, both addressed the Assembly concerning the work of the past year and presented the official report. The Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation offered resolutions containing 12 recommendations.

The climax came when the entire Laymen's Committee, preceded by Chairman Hays, filed upon the platform and the hour was turned over to Mr. Hays to present his report concerning the country-wide campaign.

The essence of the report of Mr. Hays was that the fund was complete and that the New Pension Plan was to be made effective at once.

Immediately upon this announcement the entire Assembly rose to its feet and burst into tremendous applause, closely followed by the spontaneous singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Several times in the course of his eloquent address, Mr. Hays had occasion to wipe away his own tears of happiness and devotion, and frequently his voice broke under the stress of his thrilling message.

At the end of his address the Assembly once more rose to its feet and gave him the Chautauqua

salute, the air being white with waving handkerchiefs.

President Lutch presented to Mr. Hays a beautiful watch as a token of deep love and overflowing gratitude from the ministers and their families.

Mr. Hays responded eloquently, his tones and emotions being, in this case, more expressive than his words. He concluded his heartfelt expression of thanks with a very bappy recollection of the familiar childhood rhyme, "If you love me as I love you, no knife can cut our love in two."

A large American flag, which had been decorating the front of the platform, was gracefully drawn aside, revealing a beautiful Victory banner.

Official proceedings were suspended while the Assembly transformed itself into a meeting of praise, prayer and thanksgiving, led by Mr. J. Willison Smith. Devout prayers were uttered from hearts overflowing with gratitude and love and the occasion became one of great spiritual significance.

Mr. Hays had reported that from the membership of the Laymen's Committee he was designating a sub-committee as a special advisory committee which would, during the coming year, co-operate in a particularly intimate manner with the Board, for the perfection of the New Pension Plan. Mr. J. Willison Smith, commenting that Mr. Hays was too modest to do the obvious thing, name himself as chairman of that sub-committee, suggested that the Assembly rise as a unanimous vote, that Mr. Hays continue as that chairman. This was instantly done.

Rev. Rockwell D. Brank, D.D., moved that the ministers of the Assembly, exclusive of the laymen, by rising vote, thank Mr. Hays and his committee "for their wonderful gift to us."

Amendment was offered that the ministers' wives also participate in that rising vote.

Moderator Speer remarked that he did not know that women had ever before been privileged to vote in the General Assembly, and perhaps on this great occasion an important precedent was being established. By unanimous consent of the Assembly, the ministers and their wives rose to their feet expressive of the vote of thanks suggested.

The remark was made by many that this was an historic episode in the life of the church, an epoch-making occasion. Mr. Hays frankly said that he valued more than anything else in his career, and more than anything else he could do, the opportunity for conducting the Laymen's Committee through the campaign to its fulfillment.

The 12 recommendations of the Standing Committee were unanimously adopted except that recommendation 3 concerning elections went over for subsequent action under the Assembly rules. The recommendations adopted are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Listing the exact total raised as \$15,045,000, Mr. Hays pictured the Presbyterian success as marking a new era in Christianity in which all churches eventually would be protected through adequate pension plans. This total does not include assured legacies

promised in lieu of contributions.

"May the day soon come," he said, "when every man who gives his life to the ministry of Christ will be relieved from the haunting anxiety which has clouded the lives of so many such men and their families. We have resolved, I believe—we laymen who live amid comforts and luxuries greater than those known by any other generation—we have resolved at last that the men who administer to our spiritual and eternal welfare shall be permitted to share in our prosperity and shall not longer be doomed to an old age of poverty and hardship and distress."

New York Presbytery, said Mr. Hays, led the nation in the amount contributed with \$1,156,000. Pittsburgh was second with \$935,000, Chicago third, with \$636,000, and Los Angeles fourth with \$529,000. Madison Avenue Church in New York was high among individual churches with \$443,000.

Mr. Hays paid tribute to 30,000 laymen who took part in the campaign, to the Episcopal Church, which already had a pension plan and made available the benefits of its experience to the ministers for their co-operation, and to the 150,000 families who contributed to the fund.

Pointing out that contributions ranged from a few cents from children to an individual gift of \$300,000, and several others running into six figures, Mr. Hays said:

"First, I would like to note the enlarged standards of giving which I believe will result from our effort. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of our laymen have given more generously toward this cause than they have been accustomed heretofore to give to any Presbyterian enterprise. I believe that in many churches a by-product of the pension campaign will be a more generous support of the local church budget for giving money to the church is largely a matter of habit and development."

Mr. Hays explained that the pension fund eventually will become self-perpetuating through annual payments by each minister of \$25 in each \$1,000 he earns, and of \$75 by each church for every \$1,000 it pays its minister. The \$15,000,000 will be used to pay pensions now due, retire sustentation bonds, and pay pensions to those whose own payments would not be sufficient to cover their pensions.

The pensions will range from \$600 to \$2,000 annually, based on average salary and length of service of the individual. Widows and orphans of ministers and missionaries also are provided for.

In closing his report Mr. Hays turned to the ministers and said:

"We plant today another milestone on the road we have been traveling 210 years. With the successful conclusion of this campaign we are able to inaugurate the Service Pension Plan, a new formula so constructed actuarially as to provide the means for all time to pension the servants of the church more and more adequately. It brings a new zeal, a new faith, to the minds and hearts of many of our ministers. The result is an expression of the potency of the religion of today as

vital and as certain as was certain and vital the religion of our fathers. The response to the appeal of the Laymen's declaration that there is no breakdown of religion, that there is nothing breakable in religion. To the men who have given their lives to Christ's ministry in our church, the men who come from the very flower of our American manhood, we pay this tribute, the Service Pension Fund."

A total of over 30,000 men and women representing their various churches and presbyteries worked earnestly and sacrificially on the various laymen's committees during the past year.

Subscription cards to this fund have been received from more than 110,000 families.

The first consequential gift was \$5,000 from a Baptist in Washington, and the last large gift was \$50,000 from a Catholic in California.

The newspapers of the nation have been of the greatest service, giving space generously to the news of the committee's efforts and commenting editorially most sympathetically upon the purpose.

One very unusual feature of the campaign, a feature which has been a comfort and an inspiration, has been the fact that much of the necessary expense of the whole campaign has been borne by a few men. The general cost of the campaign, all general overhead and maintenance of the central office of the committee in New York, and all the basic campaign expenses, have been provided. In some instances, in addition, the expenses of local campaigns, the cost of local headquarters and the field expenses have also been provided. The men who have contributed to these purposes are:

Mr. George G. Barber.  
Hon. Andrew W. Mellon.  
Captain Robert Dollar.  
Mr. R. B. Mellon.  
Mr. Frederick E. Weyerhouser.  
Senator William B. McKinley.

"We conclude, this morning," said Mr. Hays, "the Laymen's March to the Sea! Westward this movement has come, to the State where first this immediate effort was suggested, here to report. Now we pause, and turning about, we face the East. We take the hand of every minister in the denomination and with him, look to the rising sun of a new day.

"We pass today another milestone on the road we have been traveling for 210 years. With the successful conclusion of this drive we are able to inaugurate the Service Pension Plan, a new formula so constructed actuarially as to provide the means for all time to pension the servants of the church more and more nearly adequately. This has been done without disturbing the activities of the other boards, or in any way limiting their sources of supply.

"Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of our laymen have given more generously toward this cause than they have been accustomed heretofore to give to any Presbyterian enterprise, and I know that the loyalty and devotion of many a layman have been stimulated toward all causes because of the service he has rendered this ene-

One pastor thanked us for having enlisted one of his laymen on our National Committee, saying that ever since he had undertaken that service to the pension cause he had been a better layman in his own church.

"I hope all of us who have been engaged in this inspiring task together may continue the high standard and spirit in giving which have been established in this campaign and may continue also the impulse and inspiration to serve their church as they have served it through this cause in the few months past. Surely the service of our church is worthy of our very best energy and most devoted impulses. Let us not, as a result of this campaign, simply encourage the ministers of the church. Let us, as a result of the campaign, develop still more devotedly and resolve to give of our very best in money and in strength to the service of our church—for religion, I am again reminded, is the one essential industry of the world.

"I am certain that in many churches a by-product of the Pension Fund Campaign will be a more generous support of the local church budget. Giving money to the church is largely a matter of habit and development. I do not think that our 110,000 subscribers to this fund will give less to their church because of this subscription, but I feel they will give more because of the joy in giving which they have experienced. Of course, I will hesitate to raise its minister's salary because of going into this Plan; neither will any church provide the 7½ per cent. to be paid by them from the local church benevolence; nor, indeed, will any church fail to continue for a few years its support of the 2,000 relief pensions.

"The support of this purpose is the declaration of the Laymen that the modern pulpit is as cleanly courageous, as ethical and strongly Christian, today, as at any time in the history of Christianity. It is the answer of the Laymen that there is no breaking down of religion; that there is nothing breakable in religion; that the attacks upon religion are but the nesting of flurried wings against the temples of Christianity.

"And again I express the hope, too, that the interest stimulated by this purpose may move us all in the direction of the determination to develop the yet greater movement for the establishment of the minister's proper place in the sun. As I have heretofore emphasized, and now reiterate, not as a matter of charity in any sense, not, indeed, as a matter of justice—essential as justice is—but as a matter of sheer common sense and good judgment, if we would have the world's most essential activity endure, if we would have the Church of Jesus Christ preserved as the holding thread in our social and commercial fabric, and the one impelling element of causation in our progress, if we are to progress—we simply must take hold of this matter of the underpaid preacher and adjust it.

"For a life of service the average material compensation of

preachers in America is less than that paid our alien ditch-digger. This situation, long endured, is an economic and moral crime. We discuss and cry from high and low places for this and that readjustment. We spin theories of political economy, we cry for fuller freedom or more rigorous regulation and in all the reaching for this and that we have managed and will manage to lift yet higher and higher; but the reconstruction and readjustment of our people made necessary by the advance of civilization, the right use of our increased prosperity, power, and influence in the world, can only be assured if the spirit of Christianity is incarnated in our people through the preaching and work of the church; and our new and necessary social adjustments must be in line with its teachings or they will not endure.

"The church is divine in its genesis and eternal in its revelation, but its mess and, indeed, its survival are in the hands of administrators. These administrators are human men and women. Real service cannot be given except by those who have at least a fair share of contentment in the present and a fair prospect for contentment in the future. Let no one mistake the importance of this suggestion.

"Men in the ministry and their wives, although the pension system has not yet been inaugurated, have been heartened by the prospect that it will soon be launched. The other day I saw a letter written by one minister to another. This letter was not intended for my eyes, but I bring it to you as typifying the release of the spirit and mind of many of our ministers as soon as the pension system shall go into effect.

"Dear George," (this letter said) "I am 54 years of age. Our children are all educated now, thank God—the best education that boys and girls can get. It has cost me all that we had been able to save. I have nothing now but my salary, nothing saved for old age. I suppose I can get one more call. I have got to get into a church that's in the Pension System. The Pension System is going to be our salvation."

"There is a new outlook, a new faith, a new zeal, in the minds and hearts of many of our ministers and their wives, for we should always bear in mind that this is not simply a pension for ministers, it is also for those brave and devoted women who serve as wives of ministers in the same spirit of unselfishness and of sacrifice.

"Let us regard this simply as a beginning of an adequate pension system, not the completion of our task. The Episcopalian accrued liability fund was originally set at \$5,000,000. After their campaign closed, their total was swelled by voluntary gifts and bequests to over \$8,000,000. This is now very much greater and they are enabled to do far more for their ministers than they had engaged to do. I am told that while they promised the same minimum pension of \$600 that we have promised they are now able to increase it in many instances to

\$950, and in many instances to at least \$750, and to many of their widows now \$450 while their system has been extended and expanded in other directions.

"It is our hope that many individuals and churches who did not find it possible to give as much as they would like to have given during the campaign will, during the next few years, voluntarily offer their contributions toward this fund. Of course, so far as we can foresee, there will never be another campaign for the pension cause, but voluntary gifts and bequests will enable the Board to build a larger structure upon these permanent foundations which have been laid and we hope that our pension system now on an eternal foundation will grow and expand in the years to come. It is a splendid and continuing opportunity for Presbyterian legacies.

"In conclusion, may I say in behalf of the laymen who have cooperated in this enterprise that it has been done as a deserved tribute to the men who have unselfishly dedicated their lives to our spiritual welfare. We pay you, my friends in the ministry, and to your wives, this tribute, and we give you our gratitude for what you have done and are doing. You give up, in the spirit of our Master, your chance for the material rewards of life. Many laymen who have served in this campaign seriously considered in their youth the claims of the Christian ministry upon them, weighed their obligations and their duty as they saw it; and so we know the material sacrifice that you made as young men when you deliberately turned aside from business and industry to give your lives to the service of God.

"You fulfill the highest function in any community. Your leadership in spiritual matters, your constant reminder to us in the stress of modern life, that after all it is the eternal things only which are important, your unselfish devotion to the welfare of others, is America's richest asset, and we want you to know that it is valued and appreciated by those you serve.

"Rejoice now in your ministry my friends, wax strong in your efforts, and know that in all that you do and plan in behalf of the Kingdom you have the earnest support of the men and women who have tried to make your way brighter and easier.

"Mr. Moderator, to the thousands of men who have given their lives to Christ's ministry in our church, the very flower of American manhood, we pay now the tribute of the Service Pension Fund."

**Get Your Souvenir  
Bale of Cotton**

Arkansas cotton, which was going to be plowed under because of market conditions, was given to the College of the Ozarks. This has been made into souvenir bales, which are being displayed at the College of the Ozarks exhibit in the Auditorium's Larkin Hall. Each bale represents a service of love and the desire of some student to do his part to give the young men of the Ozarks livable quarters.

**How the Synods  
Contributed to the  
Laymen's Pension Fund**

With returns from campaigns still coming in, the following shows the latest but incomplete, figures of the Laymen's Pension Plan by synods:

Wyoming.....	\$ 3,520
North Dakota.....	9,257
Florida.....	10,000
South Dakota.....	26,446
New England.....	52,284
Oregon.....	69,220
West Virginia.....	80,150
Nebraska.....	90,919
Kentucky.....	114,253
Washington.....	124,165
Colorado.....	135,892
Oklahoma.....	134,221
Kansas.....	145,873
Texas.....	153,072
Wisconsin.....	172,639
Baltimore.....	179,853
Iowa.....	210,860
Missouri.....	383,568
Indiana.....	397,830
Minnesota.....	409,954
Michigan.....	440,176
California.....	848,267
Illinois.....	1,071,208
New Jersey.....	1,125,291
Ohio.....	1,195,365
Pennsylvania.....	2,775,975
New York.....	3,214,020

Leagues and other funds paid directly to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation..... 1,472,989

Grand Total.....\$15,045,032  
This total does not include assured legacies promised in lieu of contributions.

**Dr. David G. Wylie  
To Devote Whole Time  
To Lord's Day Alliance**

Dr. Dwight W. Wylie, Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church of New York City, who is attending the Presbyterian General Assembly and stopping at Hotel St. Francis, announces that his father, Dr. David G. Wylie of New York will, on June 1, retire from his secretaryship in the Presbyterian Board of National Missions to devote his entire time to promoting a crusade for the Christian Sabbath throughout America as president of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States.

The Alliance is planning, under Dr. Wylie, a militant campaign against the encroachment of Sunday amusements and Sunday business, which are attempting to secularize and commercialize the Sabbath.

**Seminary Banquet**

The Alumni banquet of San Francisco Theological Seminary is to be held at Clift Hotel, Tuesday, May 31, at 6 p. m. All former students and friends are cordially invited. Tickets may be secured from Seminary Office, Room 205, Presbyterian Headquarters Building, 228 McAllister Street.

**Alumni Business Session**

The Alumni Association of San Francisco Theological Seminary will hold a business meeting in Folk Hall, Auditorium, Tuesday, May 31, at 4:45 p. m. All members of the Alumni Association are urged to be present.

**Omaha Seeks Assembly  
Two Years Hence**

The First Presbyterian Church of Omaha and the Presbytery of Omaha have extended an invitation to the General Assembly to meet in that city two years hence. This invitation has been seconded by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and other Omaha organizations and individuals.

Omaha, near the geographical centre of the United States, a city of 220,000 inhabitants, possesses excellent facilities for caring for national convocations. The City Auditorium, the great churches, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and other buildings, would be at the disposal of the Assembly.

**Memphis a Rival of  
Tulsa for Next Assembly**

Memphis, Tennessee, is in the field for the 1928 General Assembly.

The invitation has been endorsed by the presbytery and is being enthusiastically pushed by Rev. H. O. Hofstead, D.D., pastor of Court Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Some of the facilities offered are: a new auditorium with a seating capacity in the south and north wings of 3,500 and 12,000 respectively; an ample supply of up-to-date hotels, four of them being new. The Memphis enthusiasts emphasize a cut of 13 1/2 per cent in railroad expense as compared to Tulsa, Oklahoma, which also has invited the next Assembly.

Of historic interest is offered a church of which General Nathan Bradford Forrest became a member, and where his granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Forrest Bradley, and her family still worship.

This church is 100 years old this year. It was formerly a Cumberland church.

**Ahkmal Awawton  
Wants You as Reader**

Ahkmal Awawton, the River People, is the name of a new monthly magazine issued at Sacaton, Arizona, headquarters of the Pima Indian tribe, with whom that Christian missionary fighter for Indian rights, Dr. Dirk Lay, has been working since 1910 with such splendid results.

The new magazine, born April, 1927, will be presented on coated stock, may be subscribed for at 25 cents a year.

Send your quarter to Dirk Lay, Sacaton, Arizona, or place it with George Walker's Assembly mail, as Mr. Walker is Dr. Lay's assistant and one of the editors of the new magazine.

**Thanks for Pianos**

The Knabe pianos at the auditorium have been furnished through the courtesy of Kohler Ghase and Company, San Francisco.

**File Your Vouchers Today—  
Last Call!**

The Treasurer of General Assembly will audit vouchers tonight. All vouchers must be in his hands today (Monday). You will find the Treasurer at Section P, in the front corridor.

### Resolutions Adopted From Standing Committee On Ministerial Relief

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the General Assembly, as submitted by the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation: (No. 3 goes over under the rules.)

Your Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation presents the following recommendations for your consideration and adoption:

1. That the Minutes of the Board and the audited report of the Treasurer be approved.

2. That the General Assembly confirms the election of the Rev. Andrew Mutch, D.D., as President of the Board.

3. That the following persons whose terms of office expire at the meeting of the General Assembly be elected for a period of three years:

Rev. Andrew Mutch, D.D., Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Mr. Richard H. Wallace, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, D.D., Princeton, N. J.  
Mrs. George Grant Snowden, Rosemont, Pa.

and that the election of Rev. William P. Lee, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., to take the place of Rev. George Francis Greene, D.D., Cranford, N. J., be confirmed.

4. That the General Assembly instruct the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to take immediate steps to have its corporate title changed to: The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

5. That the General Assembly urge every Church which is responsible to it to agree to cooperate in the New Service Pension Plan at the earliest possible moment; calling the attention of all such churches, their Sessions and Boards of Trustees and congregations to the fact that the New Service Pension Plan has been the duly authorized pension policy of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. since the meeting of the General Assembly at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the said Plan was regularly and unanimously adopted.

6. That the General Assembly be asked to express, by rising vote, the deepest gratitude of the whole Church to the members of the Laymen's Committee, and more particularly to Mr. Will H. Hays, the Chairman of the Laymen's Committee, for his unremitting labor and the splendid measure of devotion with which he has prosecuted the most colossal task in all the history of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

7. That the General Assembly authorize the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to make such modification of the New Service Pension Plan as will meet the special conditions existing in the work of the other boards which the General Assembly has directed to cooperate in the new pension policy of the Presbyterian Church.

8. Overture 33—It is recommended that no action be taken.

9. Overture 38—It is recommended that no action be taken.  
Your Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation

presents the following additional recommendations for your consideration and adoption, if the Laymen's Committee reports that the amount of pledges and collections are sufficient to meet the minimum amount essential for the inauguration of the New Service Pension Plan.

10. That the New Service Pension Plan be declared operative as of April 1, 1927, with payment of the 10 per cent, 7½ per cent, from the church and 2½ per cent, from the minister, for the contributions and annuities beginning October 1, 1927.

11. That March 31, 1928, be set as the closing period of one year from the date of the inauguration of the New Service Pension Plan, during which anyone eligible for membership in the New Service Pension Plan may consummate his membership and receive credit for such prior service.

12. That the Laymen's Committee be authorized to transfer all funds, pledges and securities now on hand, or to be hereafter received, to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

### Dinner in Honor of Foreign Missionaries

Nearly 125, furloughed and retired missionaries, Foreign Board secretaries and members, and members of local and General Assembly committees, were guests Friday night at a dinner in their honor at the roof garden of Cliff Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Rawlins Cadwallader, long identified with foreign missions on the Pacific coast, were host and hostess. Dr. Francis Shunk Downs, secretary of the Foreign Board and in charge of foreign missions arrangements at the Assembly, presided.

Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison, chairman of Assembly's Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, Dr. C. R. Erdman, president of the Foreign Board, Mrs. C. K. Roys, secretary of the Board, and others gave short addresses, followed by testimonials from many of the nearly 75 missionaries present. Dr. Robert E. Speer, senior secretary of the Board and Moderator of the Assembly, gave the closing address.

### Do Not Miss This Pictorial Section

The General Assembly has a pictorial supplement. Each commissioner and visitor must get it for himself. There is only one copy, but everyone may have that one. This supplement is in Larkin Hall, east end of Civic Auditorium—the exhibit of the Boards and Agencies of the Presbyterian Church.

The exhibit of this year is marked by several striking features. The series of artistic, historical wall panels is beyond question the finest thing of its kind ever produced by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Every commissioner and visitor should study this series of 64 panels, arranged in chronological sequence. Plans are being made to send this part of the exhibit

around to a few large cities, but this is the sure opportunity to see these attractive pictures.

The itinerating missionary's car, fully equipped for service, has attracted much attention. Rev. Jesse Marhoff and wife have spent years in this car, because the love of Christ constrained them.

The hooth exhibits show in epitome the vast scope of the work of the church's interests. Plan to spend much time if possible in the exhibit, but go for a little time if you cannot give much.

### Back Numbers and Sets of General Assembly Daily News

An over-supply of General Assembly Daily News for each day during the Assembly may be found piled according to date on the edge of the Auditorium platform, along the west end of the platform (toward Polk Street). Help yourself.

Additional copies are obtainable at the table of The Presbyterian Magazine in the front corridor, also at Room 212, 228 McAllister Street, upstairs over the Presbyterian Book Store. Here subscriptions for full sets will be received, at 25 cents a set, to be mailed to any address.

### Commissioners Head Elders' Associations

Elder John H. Cole, secretary of Ruling Elders' Association, is at this Assembly as a commissioner from Chester Presbytery, Pennsylvania Synod. Elder Cole has been secretary of the Ruling Elders' Association in his own presbytery for 12 years, and is secretary of the Council of Ruling Elders' Associations, recently organized. His Elders' Association is now 33½ years old and has been used as a model for various of the 22 associations now in existence.

Elder Joseph H. Burns, vice-president of the Council, also is here, as a commissioner from New Castle Presbytery, Baltimore Synod, and is also president of his Presbytery's Ruling Elders' Association.

The most recently organized elders' association is that connected with the Presbytery of Baltimore City, whose president is Elder L. Irving Pollitt, also a commissioner here.

These elders will be glad to impart information about elders' organizations to any interested. Elder Cole can be found on the first row, Electing Section 6; Elders Burns and Pollitt in Section 5.

### See Dubuque's Exhibit

The oldest Presbyterian school in the state of Iowa is the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, which in its Assembly exhibit this year presents the accomplishments of the past 74 years and the problems that should be solved within the next few years.

### Reviews History of Women and Missions

In "A Fiftieth Anniversary" Mrs. Fred S. Bennett, vice-president of the Board of National Missions, reviews the history of

women as related to the organized missions of the Presbyterian Church in America. The leaflet may be found on the exhibit table of the Board of National Missions.

### National Board's Report on Alaska

Although in a part of its Annual Report, made public through the press May 13, the Presbyterian Board of National Missions states concerning racial prejudice in Alaska and the conflict between whites and natives "that it is the privilege of the church in this critical stage of development to mediate as much as possible the bitterness of this conflict and to assist the native in maintaining its right under the law," the Board, says its general secretary, Dr. John A. Marquis, now in San Francisco, has no intention of proposing to General Assembly any definite plan of mediation, but rather suggests that such mediation should be a mitigation of existing prejudice and conflict through a spirit of Christian brotherhood developing in the Presbyterian churches in Alaska.

### Tours Booklet Notes Mission Stations En Route

Abundant opportunity of seeing National Missions in action is afforded commissioners to General Assembly this year not only in visiting the work in and around San Francisco but also in stopping off at various missions on their homeward trip. In the hope of encouraging such visits, the Board of National Missions has issued a tours booklet in which the mission stations are listed along the lines of the various railroads and each is briefly described. This booklet should be permanently valuable for those taking trips long after General Assembly is past.

### 12 Tribes Represented Among These Converts

In one month last winter 25 young people of the Indian sanitarium at Lapwai, Idaho, confessed Christ. In this group were represented one Eskimo and eleven Indian tribes. Twenty of them joined the local Presbyterian church at Lapwai. Religious work at the sanitarium is a part of the regular activity of Miss Mazie Crawford, superintendent of the Lapwai National Missions work.

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## Commissioner's Peace Report Adopted

The report of the Special Commission of 1925 for the peace, purity, unity and progress of the church was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly, Monday afternoon, May 30. When the hour designated for this report was reached, Chairman Henry Chapman Swearingen stated that the Commission had nothing further to say, and there seemed to be no desire on the part of the Commissioners for discussion, the entire printed report having been in their hands for study. Immediate vote was taken and the Commission's work was declared ended.

Extracts from the report have been printed in General Assembly Daily News, covering essential points. Copies of the complete report may be obtained by writing to the office of the General Assembly, 514 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## These Are to Sit On Platform Today

The following persons are asked to sit on the platform during the National Missions anniversary celebration this morning:

All National missionaries, including those of independent synods and presbyteries.

All National Missions executives.

All members of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions and of its staff.

## Anniversary Bulletin As Special Periodical

Commissioners will find in their seats this morning the first issue of The Anniversary Bulletin of the Board of National Missions. During 1927-8, the 125th anniversary year, this will be issued as a four-page periodical every month, July and August excepted. It will trace the development of policies and of organization in Presbyterian missions in America and will furnish thumb-nail sketches of missionaries, stories of the field, and excerpts from old records. In addition it will contain suggestions for working out anniversary celebrations, and the announcement of material available at headquarters. A leading historical article, and brief accounts of Jedediah Andrews, first home mission treasurer, Azariah Horton, Charles Beatty, Nathan Ker and Joshua Hart are features of the first number.

## TODAY'S DOCKET

Tuesday Morning, May 31

- 9.00 A.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Reading of Minutes of Monday's sessions. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Report of General Council, continued. Miscellaneous business.
- 9.25 A.M. Report of Standing Committee on Nomination of Members of the General Council. Election, Wednesday, 9.20 A.M. Report of Standing Committee on Nominations of Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Election, Wednesday, 9.15 A.M.
- Report of Standing Committee on Finance on nominations to membership on the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly. Election, Wednesday, 9.25 A.M.
- Nominations to membership on Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. Election, Wednesday, 9.30 A.M.
- Report of Standing Committee on Foreign Missions on nominations to membership on the Board of Foreign Missions. Election, Wednesday, 10.30 A.M.
- 9.30 A.M. Devotional Service.
- 10.00 A.M. Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the organized work of Home Missions, and the Report of the Standing Committee on National Missions. Nomination of Board members. Election, Wednesday, 9.35 A.M.
- Treasurer's announcements.  
General announcements.  
Order for recess and closing prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 31

- 2.30 P.M. Session opened with prayer and praise. Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Report of General Council, continued.
- 2:45 P.M. Report of Permanent Judicial Commission. Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries. Report of Standing Committee on Polity. Report of Standing Committee on Synodical Records. Report of Standing Committee on Finance. Selecting the next place of meeting. Report of Committee on Resolution of Thanks. Announcing leader of Wednesday's (10:00 A.M.) devotional service.
- Treasurer's announcements.  
General announcements.  
Adjourning order to meet Wednesday, 9.00 A.M., and closing prayer.
- Commissioners to be seated by Electing Sections at tomorrow, Wednesday, morning's session.

Standing Rule 35. Unless previously docketed, no new business may be introduced on the floor of the General Assembly after the adjournment of the Tuesday (the sixth day) afternoon session of the General Assembly.

Tuesday Evening, May 31

- 7.45 P.M. Popular meeting under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions.

## Vacancy and Supply

The following recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted by the General Assembly:

Recognizing the difficulties with which the present Department on Vacancy and Supply is confronted, the Committee would wish to express its appreciation of the results that have already been

achieved, and recommend that progress be made through our present organization rather than by the constituting of another organization, to achieve the desired result.

We recommend that at this time no action be taken on this Overture and that it be referred to the Department of Vacancy and Supply for its careful consideration.

## Princeton Report Adopted

The report of the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary was on the docket of the General Assembly for Tuesday, May 30. When that item of business was reached, Dr. W. O. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee, offered as a substitute for recommendations 2 and 3 the following: "That pending this reorganization, the appointment of Prof. J. Gresham Machen to the Chair of Apologetics, and the appointment of Prof. Oswald T. Allis to the Helena Chair of Semitics, be not confirmed; and that the further consideration of these appointments be deferred until after the reorganization proposed in this report shall have been effected."

This substitute was offered to take the place of the following, which appeared in the original report:

"2. That pending this reorganization, the appointment of Professor J. Gresham Machen to the Chair of Apologetics be not confirmed and that the further consideration of this appointment be deferred until after the reorganization proposed in this report shall have been effected.

"3. That pending the reorganization proposed all other nominations or elections to the Faculty be not approved, and the further consideration of such appointments be deferred until the reorganization proposed shall have been effected."

Dr. Robert S. Inglis of Newark, New Jersey, offered as a substitute a motion that no action be taken. This was defeated.

The substitute of the Committee was adopted and then the entire report of the Committee was adopted as thus amended.

## Envelopes for Free Copies of Final Daily News

It is planned to distribute among the commissioners empty envelopes which commissioners will please address to themselves, plainly writing their names and home addresses so that the envelopes will not miscarry.

When addressed, the envelopes are to be handed to desk 4 on the platform, so that a copy of General Assembly Daily News, covering the final day's proceedings, may be mailed.

This final issue of General Assembly Daily News will necessarily not be printed until after most of the commissioners have started for home.

## General Assembly Proceedings

The General Assembly at its session of Monday, May 30, adopted a report of the General Council as submitted by Dr. William O. Thompson. This consisted largely of recommendations for changes in the organization of the Board of Christian Education. The report also included a resolution concerning the Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a resolution with reference to Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard. The report is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. Frank M. Sibley, D.D., for the Presbyterian churches of the East Bay District, presented another gavel to the Moderator as a special gift in the name of Mr. Harmon Bell, descendant of a pioneer preacher and missionary.

The report of the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary was under consideration when the order of the day called for observance of Memorial Day. Further consideration of the Princeton matter was therefore postponed until the afternoon session, when the report was adopted as printed elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, former Moderator, now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, delivered the Memorial Day oration.

The report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education was presented by the chairman, Dr. John E. Bushnell. After remarks by Dr. Bushnell and an address by Dr. William C. Covert, general secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the report was adopted with some changes, with the exception that under the rules the sections relating to election of members had to go over for consideration at a later session.

The keynote of Dr. Covert's address was that, in order to save our liberties and to save the world from paganism, there must be an infusion of a great moral passion among mankind, and for this task the church of Christ alone was competent.

Dr. Harry L. Bowly, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and James Oscar Boyd for the American Bible Society, spoke for their respective organizations, and resolutions were adopted approving both. These resolutions are printed in this issue.

It was reported by the Committee on Canvass of Overtures, through its chairman, Dr. R. P. Danbenspeck, that the overtures sent down by the General Assembly of 1926 had been approved by the necessary number of Presbyteries, and the overtures were declared a law of the church. The full text of these overtures was printed on the first page of the first issue of General Assembly Daily News.

Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, stated clerk, reported for the Special

Committee on Marriage and Divorce that progress had been made, but that the committee desired to be continued for another year for further study of this important question. The committee also recommended that in the meantime there be distributed throughout the church a report prepared by a sub-committee headed by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney and also a statistical study of the divorce question as prepared by Dr. William Chalmers Covert. The Assembly so voted.

At the close of the morning session, the commissioners remained to witness the conferring of the degree of LL.D. upon ex-Moderator William O. Thompson by President Remsen DuBois Bird, D.D. of Central College. The Assembly approved a paper recommended by the Committee on Bills and Overtures congratulating Professor Dick Wilson on his long years of service.

When the report of the Princeton Committee was adopted, the order of the day called for a report from the Department of Church Cooperation and Union. As the chairman of this department, Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, who is also president of Princeton Theological Seminary, came to the front of the platform, a great majority of the commissioners rose to their feet and warmly applauded him. This prompted Dr. Stevenson to speak a word concerning Princeton Theological Seminary. He urged all the commissioners to extend their sympathetic prayers and cooperation to all of the authorities of Princeton in their endeavor to solve their difficulties and to fulfill the original design of the seminary, to raise up a succession of men spiritually educated for the propagation of the gospel and the evangelization of the world.

Dr. Stevenson then presented various sections of the report of the Department of Church Cooperation and Union as printed in the Blue Book, and these were approved.

Dr. Stevenson introduced, one at a time, the following:

Rev. Eleazer Perez, representing the General Synod of Mexico. He spoke in Spanish, which was translated by Rev. Norman W. Taylor, missionary.

Rev. E. M. Wilson, for the General Assembly of the United Church of North India.

Rev. R. G. Macbeth, D.D., representing the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., representing the United Church of Canada.

Greetings were also received from the General Assembly of Korea, the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, and the National Council of Congregational Churches.

The Department was authorized to select a representative to attend the tercentenary of the Reformed Church, in June, 1928. Dr. Valdez Losa was approved as fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Czech Republic.

The following resolution, presented by Dr. Mark A. Matthews, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General

Council shall have authority, in conference with the Boards, to provide for any emergency pension matters involving the present personnel of said Boards, until the next assembly."

Dr. Robert Watson of Boston spoke for the American Tract Society. Resolutions approving the society were adopted. They are printed in another column.

### Nominations for Members of Board Of Foreign Missions

Following are the nominations of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions of persons for membership on the Board of Foreign Missions:

CLASS OF 1927-1930

Rev. John F. Carson, D.D.  
Miss Alice M. Davison  
Mr. Dwight H. Day  
Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D.  
Mrs. John H. Finley  
Mrs. Henry v.K. Gilmore  
Mrs. Minot C. Morgan  
Rev. Robert R. Littell, D.D.  
Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.  
Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D.  
Miss Jean Mackenzie  
Mr. John L. Severance  
Mr. W. P. Stevenson.

### Young Folk Pledged To Christian Service

One of the most striking results of National Missions activity appears in the increasing number of young men and young women in mission schools who are planning to give themselves for Christian service. Five girls from Pattle C. Stockdale School, Colcord, West Virginia, are among those who have pledged themselves to full-time Christian service. While they are still in school these girls are getting practical experience under faculty supervision in conducting Sunday-schools in Colcord and outlying neighborhoods. These are really mission enterprises.

"A year ago we had 39 in Sunday-school," writes Miss Anna Belle Stewart, director of the work at Colcord. "Last week we had more than 250."

### Dr. Campbell Reports Southern Assembly

Believing that the commissioners to this General Assembly are interested in what the Presbyterian Church in the United States is doing, the editor of General Assembly Daily News engaged Dr. William S. Campbell, editor of The Presbyterian of the South, Richmond, Virginia, to send to this paper a report of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly. The report is printed in this edition.

### Assembly Approves Lord's Day Alliance

The following was adopted by the General Assembly:

Resolved, That this General Assembly hears with pleasure that the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States is developing a great forward movement for the preservation of the American Sabbath and the solution of vexing Sunday problems, and has recently secured Dr. David G.

Wylie, its president, to assist in this enlarged program; gives its best wishes to Dr. Wylie and to Dr. Harry L. Bowly, its general secretary; and commends the Alliance for its effective and successful service; and calls upon our churches and people to give hearty moral and generous financial support to the Alliance and its auxiliaries.

### To See Salt Lake

Four special trains of commissioners and visitors stopped at Salt Lake City en route to the Assembly. A local committee of Presbyterians helped them to see the Mormon tabernacle and also the Presbyterian work, including Westminster College. More than 200 visitors attended an educational meeting at the college, the main address being given by Dr. W. C. Covert.

Many commissioners are planning to stop on their way home. Two parties have announced their dates in the Mormon capital as June 2 and June 9. President H. W. Reherd is at the Stewart Hotel and will be glad to give information to any who wish to know how to economize their time while in Salt Lake City.

### New Book

By W. A. Squires

There has just come from the press a book by W. A. Squires. It bears the suggestive title, "The Pedagogy of Jesus in the Twilight of Today." Mr. Squires is director of week-day religious instruction for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and is a commissioner to the Assembly.

The new volume deals with the methods which Jesus used in teaching and with the philosophical and psychological principles which underlie these methods. Many of the important and perplexing problems of religious education are viewed in the light which a study of the perfect methods of Jesus sheds upon them.

Mr. Squires believes that Jesus was the one incomparable Teacher in all the history of the human race, and that this fact contains momentous significance for the religious educational problems of today.

The book is obtainable at the Presbyterian Book Store, 223 McAllister street.

### Church Extension

Persons desiring conferences regarding erection of churches and manses and matters pertaining to division of buildings and property will please call at Room 219, Presbyterian Headquarters, 228 McAllister Street. Hours of conference: 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 a. m., and 2 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

### 29 Nations at Dubuque

The University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, which has an exhibit at General Assembly, has during the past 74 years had students from 39 different countries in its student body. This year there are 29 different countries represented.

## Report of General Council

The following report of the General Council was adopted by the General Assembly:

Requests for modification of the Plan of Organization of the Board of Christian Education as originally directed by the General Assembly, 1923 minutes, pages 130 and following, and modified in some particulars by the General Assembly 1924 minutes, pages, 128, 129:

The Board of Christian Education recommends to the General Council that the following changes in its organization be approved:

I. Sub-Committees of the Executive Committee. That the Executive Committee shall organize itself into the following sub-committees:

1. Administrative Committee, 5 members.
2. Committee on Educational Policies and Programs, 5 or more members.
3. Committee on Department of Publication, 3 or more members.
4. Woman's Committee, 3 or more members.
5. Investment Committee, 3 or more members.
6. Such departmental committees as the Executive Committee may determine. (This supersedes the action with reference to the international organization of the Executive Committee Minutes, 1925, p. 132.)

II. The Executive Organization of the Board.

A. General outline.

1. The General Secretary (whose functions as stated Minutes 1923, pages 133, 134, are unchanged).

2. The Administrative Secretary (who shall be immediately responsible under the General Secretary, for the administration of the financial and educational policies of the Board. This appointment will have the effect of substituting and administrative secretary for the three Divisional Secretaries provided in the original plan of organization, Minutes 1923, pages 133 following, with a view to the unification of the financial and educational administration of the Board).

The following departments:

1. Department of Home and Church (functions to remain as described, Minutes 1923, pages 136, 137. Note: Unless otherwise indicated the functions of each department hereinafter named, remain unchanged from the descriptions in Minutes 1923, pages 133 following).

2. Department of Editorial Work.

3. Department of Missionary Education.

4. Department of Moral Welfare.

5. Department of Colleges, Theological Seminaries and Training schools.

7. Department of Life Work and Student Aid (consolidating these two departments and their

functions as described, Minutes 1923, pages 140, 142, and changing "Recruiting" to "Life Work").

8. Department of University Work.

9. Department of Publication: (In connection with the Department of Publication it is recommended that the action of the General Assembly, Minutes 1923, page 135, as follows: "One-half of the annual profits of the Business Department shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education to be applied to the benevolent work of the Board, and the other half shall be added to the capital of the Business Department, be changed to read as follows: "It shall be within the power of the Board to apply all of its profits of the Publication Department or any proportion thereof to the benevolent work of the Board.")

10. Department of Budget Collection (including the functions of the Publicity Department and the general functions of the Department of Promotion as described, Minutes 1923, pp. 144, 143).

11. Department of Educational Research (making permanent the intermittent Department of Research described, Minutes 1923, page 134).

12. Department of the Treasury.

III. The Executive Organization of the Board.

1. The Staff Council composed of the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary, the General Director of the departments, to take over the functions of the Secretarial Council and the Staff Council as described, Minutes 1923, pages 143-144.

2. The Curriculum Committee, consisting of such representatives of all the departments having educational responsibilities as may be determined by the Staff Council to recommend to the Staff Council and through the Staff Council to the Board, all policies and materials involving educational programs or curriculum for the home, church, community, university groups, college and all educational institutions as shall form integral parts of the program of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Resolution re the Southwestern Sanatorium.

Whereas, The Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a recognized institution of the church possessing physical assets of over \$500,000, and \$250,000 endowment; with a splendid history of twenty Samaritan years in caring for the tubercular sick who come from all parts of the world, and

Whereas, The Synod of New Mexico by establishing the Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium has rendered a great humanitarian service in the cause of religion and humanity, and

Whereas, the Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium desires to increase its bed capacity and provide additional endowment in order to more adequately provide for the tubercular made upon the institution, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Sanatorium has pro-

vided a development program for endowment and additional buildings, therefore

Be It Resolved, that the General Assembly, now in session in San Francisco, California, express its appreciation of the work done by the institution and commend the program contemplated to the individual members of the church and friends of religion and humanity everywhere.

Resolution with references to Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard:

"The General Council, having learned with sorrow of the death of Mrs. William H. Hubbard at Holyoke, Mass., February 13, 1927, records the gratitude with in the entire Church feels for the valuable service rendered by herself and her husband, the late William H. Hubbard, D.D., in founding and equipping the Hubbard Memorial Press, at Auburn, N. Y. This plant has for more than a decade been supplying the churches upon most favorable conditions with offering envelopes and other accessories for the furtherance of the Every Member Plan. The generous provision thus made by these devoted friends has been a large factor in furthering the whole program of the Church."

## Presbyterian Statistics Through One Hundred Years

Rev. H. C. Weber, Director of Mobilization of the Presbyterian General Council, has recently compiled and visualized the statistics of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., from 1826 to 1926. The compilation has been published by direction of the General Council by the Board of Christian Education under the title, "Presbyterian Statistics Through One Hundred Years, 1826-1926." The volume includes its first part tabulations of all categories of reporting arranged for convenient reference. The second part eliminates the reports of foreign presbyteries, ties the tables together with percentages, percapitas and the like and provides visualizations and interpretations, the third part applies the methods used in studying the denomination to the analysis and study of the individual congregation. In this connection sample analyses are provided and blank charts are offered on which pastors or congregations may make permanent records of their progress.

The visualizations cover membership lines, accessions and losses, the status, mobility and supply of the ministry, the growth, size and changes in the churches and the contributions of the churches for many generations to many different causes. Mr. Weber calls attention to the great revivals of the early 19th century and the passing of their power. He analyzes the relationship of the Sunday-school and the church membership lines. He portrays some threatening trends in the lines of candidates for the ministry. He has discovered a cycle in the line of per capita contributions to the expense of the church and he suggests further study of the lines of the church's finances. The tabula-

tions are so arranged that current figures may be added from year to year by those who wish to have a handy volume of denominational figures for reference. The book may be obtained at the Presbyterian Book Store.

## Dr. Macartney Publishes New Book

Winston & Co. of Philadelphia have just published a new book by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, former Moderator of this General Assembly. The book is entitled "Christianity and Common Senses; or the Dialogues of Faith."

In this book Dr. Macartney introduces a visitor from another world into whose mouth he puts all the doubts and questions which arise concerning the Christian faith under such topics as Christianity and God, Christianity and the Fall of Man, Christianity and the Atonement, Christianity and Future Retribution, and he thoroughly takes up one by one the great doctrines of the Christian Church and shows how they are not only referred to in the Scriptures and handed down by the traditions of the Church, but also how they are in harmony with the dictates of common sense. It is the sort of book for which the religious world has been waiting and which puts within the reach of this average reader the grounds upon which we receive and believe his gospel.

The book in its make-up represents the best artisanship of the well-known Philadelphia publishing house, Winston & Co.

Dr. Macartney is already well known in the field of religion and theology as the author of the "Parables of the Old Testament," "Putting on Immortality," "12 Great Questions About Christianity" and "The Great Sermons of the World."

## Your Souvenir Bale Awaits You

Due to the low price of cotton, the boys at the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas, were given two fields of cotton for the picking. They picked and baled the cotton into souvenir bales, each bale representing a brick in the new boys' dormitory which they are building.

There is an opportunity for your church or Sunday-school to order these souvenir bales and sell them, in that way helping your Presbyterian College of the Ozarks. See the College of the Ozarks exhibit in Larkin Hall.

## American Tract Society Endorsed

The General Assembly adopted the following:

Resolved, That the General Assembly re-affirms its former deliverances endorsing the work of the American Tract Society in printing and distributing Christian literature in English and in foreign languages.

Resolved, That the Assembly again congratulates the American Tract Society on its completion in over a century of service in preaching the gospel through the printed page.



# Southern Presbyterian Assembly

[From Our Staff Correspondent.]

The most important action of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly which began its meeting in Eldorado, Arkansas, May 19, was the adoption of the report of the Survey Committee appointed a year ago.

The Assembly was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. J. W. Skinner, of Kerrville, Texas.

Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor of the First Church of Asheville, N. C., was elected by a good majority on the first ballot, although there were three other prominent men nominated for this high office. It is believed that this is the first time such a result ever occurred in the election of a Moderator of this Assembly, when there were as many nominees.

The first two days were taken up largely with the presentation and reference of many communications and reports, and the docket was well cleared when the report of the Survey Committee was presented.

This committee was appointed a year ago to make a careful survey of the administration and work of all of the executive committees and agencies of the church, in order to see if there was any way by which the work of the church could be transacted more economically or more efficiently.

The work of the church has been carried on by seven committees, numbering together 105 members. Each committee acted entirely independently of all others. These committees have been reduced to four executive committees and two promotional committees.

The Executive Committees are one each for Foreign Missions with 12 members; Home Missions with 7 members; Religious Education with 7 members; and Ministerial Relief with 7 members.

The two promotional committees are on Stewardship and Men's Work with 5 members, and on Women's Work with 5 members.

The work of Christian Education, which has to do with the education of young men and young women in colleges, training schools and theological seminaries, was combined with that of the Committee on Publication and Sunday School Work, and the name of the committee was changed to the Committee on Religious Education.

Each of these six committees is to be a sub-committee of a general committee to be known as the Committee on the Assembly's Work, made up of all of the members of the sub-committees. This committee is to have general supervision of all of the work of the church. This committee is to have at least one representative from each of the 17 synods of the church. It is thought that this plan will unify the work of the church.

This is the most radical action ever taken by this Assembly. It was preceded by long and earnest debate, which was conducted without the slightest suggestion of bitterness or animosity, and when the

final vote was taken, it was adopted almost unanimously.

A committee appointed for the purpose had prepared and published a new hymn book, the first copies of which were presented to and used by this Assembly. It is considered a most excellent compilation of the best of the old and of the new hymns of the Christian Church.

One of the reports always looked forward to with great interest is that on Woman's Work. The Woman's Auxiliary is organized in almost all of the churches, and includes all the women in these churches. It has a membership of 137,000. It has 2,660 classes with a membership of 94,346, studying missions, who used 85,000 study books on Foreign Missions, with probably an equal number on Home Missions. In Bible study classes 50,080 members were enrolled. Prayer bands had 53,342 members praying for definite objects. In Stewardship study classes 17,093 women were enrolled. They report 25,553 teachers and 21,305 family altars among their members. About 200,000 articles were sent to its White Cross work to the mission hospitals of the Church.

The contributions of the women made through the Auxiliary, in addition to what they gave through the regular collections of the churches, amounted during the past year to \$1,554,360 for the benevolent work of the church.

Mrs. W. C. Winusborough of St. Louis, Mo., is the efficient, resourceful and inspiring superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary, who is leading the women of the church in their great and growing work.

Among the interesting speakers before the Assembly were Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Rev. Robert B. Cochrane, D.D., of the United Church in Canada, bringing the greetings of their communions. They were both given cordial receptions.

Following are the contributions for 1927 as reported to the Assembly:

Benevolences	\$1,333,780
Foreign Missions	671,182
Assembly's Home Missions	261,403
Local Home Missions	548,714
Synod's Home Missions	266,620
Presbytery's Home Missions	332,888
Congregational Home Missions	23,597
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	937,735
Assembly's Training School	102,989
Educational Institutions	22,173
Sabbath School Extension and Publication	437,802
Bible Causes	434,373
Orphan's Homes	\$5,380,916
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$122,400
Per capita gift for Benevolences	\$3,380,277
Pastors' Salaries	3,489,593
Current Expenses, Presbyterian	2,956,496
Tax, etc.	\$9,825,365
Building Expense	
Grand total	\$15,206,281
Per capita gift for Current Expenses	\$22
Total per capita gift for all causes	\$34.69

## San Francisco Rotary

The weekly meeting of the San Francisco Rotary Club will be at the Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery streets, today (Tuesday) at 12:15 o'clock. All Assembly Rotarians are cordially invited.

# Report on Christian Education

The following report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education was adopted by the General Assembly as follows: (Except that elections go over under the rule.)

Your Standing Committee on Christian Education in review of the Board's Annual Report, present for your favorable action the following recommendations:

1. That the following be elected by the General Assembly on the General Board of Education in the Class of 1927-30.

### Ministers

- Walter R. Ferris, D.D.
- Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D.
- Louis P. Benson, D.D.
- Stephen S. Estey, D.D.
- Minot C. Morgan, D.D.
- W. Francis Irwin, D.D.

### Laymen

- James R. Martin
- John A. Murray
- Landreth H. King
- Frank B. McMillin
- Frederic P. Vose
- George W. Warren, D.D.S.

That in the place of Rev. John A. MacIntosh, D.D., deceased, of the Class of 1929, Rev. George N. Luccock, D.D., be elected to the General Board of Education.

That in the place of Rev. John MacIvor, D.D., resigned, of the Class of 1928, Rev. Daniel Russell, D.D., be elected to the General Board of Education.

That the following be elected by the General Assembly on the College Board in the Class of 1927-30:

### Ministers

- Joseph M. Broady, D.D.
- Edwin A. McAlpin, Jr., D.D.
- W. H. Wray Boyle, D.D.
- Daniel Russell, D.D.

### Laymen

- George R. Morris
- Halack C. Sherrard
- Harvey M. Voorhees
- Thomas N. Brown
- Edward B. Hodge, M.D.

That in the place of Rev. John W. MacIvor, D.D., resigned, of the Class of 1927-30, Rev. Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D., be elected to the College Board.

That the following be elected by the General Assembly on the Board of Education in the Class of 1927-30:

### Ministers

- Alexander McCall, D.D.
- Hugh T. Kerr, D.D.
- W. Francis Irwin, D.D.
- J. B. C. Mackie, D.D.

### Laymen

- William R. Nicholson
- Edward Hitchcock
- Thomas L. Latta
- Edward B. Hodge, M.D.
- J. Bird Moyer, Ph.D.

That the following be elected by the General Assembly to succeed themselves on the Board of Christian Education in the Class of 1927-30:

### Ministers

- Daniel Russell, D.D.
- Arthur J. Elliott
- Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D.
- Joseph M. Broady, D.D.

### Laymen

- Frederic P. Vose
- A. C. Bigger
- Mrs. John MacArthur Harris
- Mrs. Frank C. Roberts
- Edward F. Hitchcock
- Guilford C. Babcock
- Miss Mary Ashby Cheek
- Miss Genevieve Chase
- Thomas N. Brown

That in the place of John A. MacIntosh, D.D., deceased, of the Class of 1927, Rev. George Brewer D.D., be elected on the Board of Christian Education.

That in the place of John MacIvor, D.D., resigned, of the Class of 1928, Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D., be elected on the Board of Christian Education.

2. That the General Assembly approve the minutes of the Board of Christian Education, the General Board of Education, the College Board and the Board of Education for the year 1926-1927.

3. That the General Assembly approve the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education for the year 1926-1927, as certified by the Auditor, and the report of the Treasurer of the Publication Department for the year 1925-1927, with the Auditor's certificate.

4. That the General Assembly commend the Board of Christian Education for its efficient budget administration, whereby it was able to reduce its deficit by \$18,010, in spite of a decrease in its receipts for the year 1926-1927, of \$41,338, under its receipts for the year 1925-1926.

5. That the General Assembly commend the progress which the Board of Christian Education is making in the creation of a unified program of Christian Education for the Presbyterian Church, and urge upon all Ministers and Laymen the careful reading and consideration of the very excellent and comprehensive reports of all the departments of the Board for the year 1926-1927, which are hereby approved, and that the educational program therein outlined, be adopted, so far as possible, by all our Churches.

6. That the General Assembly note with satisfaction the progress made by the Commission on Church Music and Worship, working in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education, and instruct the Commission to continue and enlarge its efforts to enrich the worship of the Church.

7. That the General Assembly urge upon all Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, the observance of Rally Day, on either the last Sunday in September or the first Sunday in October, and of Vocation Day on Sunday, May 6th, 1928, with a special offering in the Sunday Schools for the Board of Christian Education on both of these days.

8. That the General Assembly authorize the observance of the last Sunday in January, 1928, as Young People's Day, under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education.

9. That, in response to the request of the Conference of Representatives of the Presbyterian Training Schools held in Philadelphia, on April 21, 1927, the General Assembly commit to the Board of

Christian Education, with power to act, the responsibility of constructing and executing an adequate program of Christian lay leadership for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

10. That in memory of Dr. Charles Scanlon, whose death on March 21, 1927, closed a long career of aggressive leadership in the Presbyterian Church in the field of moral reform, the General Assembly direct the Department of Moral Welfare to encourage and assist in every practical way, movements and institutions charged with the betterment of the conditions of human life, especially in the fields of law enforcement, the cultivation of international peace, the care of defectives and delinquents, social hygiene, and the improvement and regulation of motion pictures, and the strengthening and preservation of laws relating to the Christian Sabbath, in such cooperation with the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States as has heretofore been authorized.

11. That the General Assembly direct the Board of Christian Education to emphasize personal evangelism in the program of its departments during the year 1927-1928.

12. That the General Assembly, in view of the election of Dr. Robert E. Speer to the Moderatorship for the year 1927-1928, encourage the Church to an intensive devotion to Missionary Education during that year.

13. That the General Assembly commend the Board of Christian Education for the study and guidance it is giving to Seminars in Religion at State Universities, in the attempt to discover the best possible conditions under which the Christian Faith may successfully be taught in these rapidly developing institutions.

14. That the General Assembly express its appreciation at the gain of over \$600,000 on the permanent resources of its Colleges, and in the addition of nearly an equal amount to their receipts for current expenses, and the General Assembly further urge upon the Colleges the need of renewed emphasis on the training of the students on the teachings of the Bible and their application to the various problems of life, to the end that the Colleges may be of increasing service in the development of our moral and religious life.

15. That, whereas the General Assembly at its Meeting held at Winona Lake, Indiana in May, 1921, took the following action:

"That the General Board of Education be directed to pay to Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, the interest of the Doherty Fund for a period of five years beginning with the year 1921"

and, whereas, the period covered by said action expired in 1926, be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education be directed to pay to Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, the interest of the Doherty Fund for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1926.

16. That the General Assembly approve the following changes in the rules for administering scholarship aid:

Recommend that Rule 24 which reads:

"Students for Lay Work—24. A student with a four-year high school course, or its equivalent, is eligible for aid for a period of two years while pursuing a course in preparation for Christian service in lay workers' training schools connected with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A."

Shall be amended to read: "Students for Lay Work—24a. A student with a four-year high school course, or its equivalent, is eligible for aid for a period of two years while pursuing a course in preparation for Christian service in lay workers' training schools connected with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A."

"Students for Religious Education.

"24b. A student preparing to become a Director of Religious Education, not a student for the ministry, medical missions or mission service, may, while pursuing a course of study under the guidance of the Board of Christian Education, receive loans during the maximum of four years of undergraduate study, and two years of graduate study, under conditions specified in General Rules 1-13.

"24c. The Board of Christian Education, which implies, however, no obligation on the part of the Board to appoint the candidate after the completion of his course of training.

"25. The amount of aid will be determined in accordance with the needs of the applicants and the available funds of the Board. Appropriations shall not ordinarily exceed the limits indicated in the following schedule:

**Schedule of Appropriations**  
"Students for Ministry, Mission and Directors of Religious Education: First three years in college, \$125; second year in college, \$150; during graduate courses, two years, \$150.

"Students in Theological Seminars: For each of three years, \$150.

"Students for Medical Missions: For Junior year in college, \$25; for Senior year in college, \$150; for each of four years in medical college, \$400; during internship, two years, \$150.

"Student in Lay Training Schools: Under-graduates, for each of three years, \$125; graduates, for each of three years, \$150."

Recommend that rule 4c, which reads:

"(c) In the case of students for lay service a credit equivalent to 40 per cent of a year's aid shall be given, if desired, for each year of service approved by the Board, until the obligation is liquidated."

Be changed to read: "(c) In the case of students for lay service, or Directors of Religious Education, a credit equivalent to 40 per cent of a year's aid shall be given, if desired, for each year of service approved by the Board, until the obligation is liquidated."

17. That the General Assembly approve the following action of the Board of Christian Education taken at its annual Meeting on May 4, 1927:

"That the Board of Christian Education, recognizing the acute needs of the Church for a strong, well-

equipped pastoral leadership, for clear persuasive pulpit utterance and for effective organization and direction of her religious activities, amidst baffling conditions of modern life, most earnestly appeals:

"First, to the Presbyteries that with all our diligence and care, they select from among their sons those upon whom gifts of mind, heart, and personality have been bestowed, whereby men are qualified for leadership among their brethren, and that with extraordinary care and with due regard for academic and spiritual standards, they watch over and nourish the candidates on their rolls, passing whose piety and sincerity are joined to ability and native powers.

"Second, to the pastors who in their personal contacts with the Youth in the intimacies of parish and home life, may make careful and persistent search for those whom God seems already to be calling to this Service by reason of their outstanding spiritual and mental endowments, and the yearnings of their hearts.

"Third, to Christian parents, that in meeting the tender and solemn behests of that covenant into which their children were baptized, they most prayerfully strive to rear in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, those whom God has given, and that to this end the home life be more rightly spiritualized, religious instruction more carefully provided, the joys of unselfish service with the Christian motive more persuasively urged upon their children as they stand facing the choice of life's work.

In addition to this we would call on the whole church to pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. —Matthew 9:38.

Thus find the Presbyterian Church only gifted leaders for that portion of the work at home and abroad for which obviously she is responsible.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN E. BUSHNELL,  
Chairman.

## These Think of God When Scared to Death

"God made me bat my eyes worse than a bull-frog in a hail storm," says Rev. Dick Ferrell, missionary for the Board of National Missions to the lumberjacks in speaking of his conversion at the National Missions luncheon. He began his Christian life in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, under the pastorate of Dr. John Timothy Stone.

Frank Higgins, the pioneer ski pilot to the men of the woods, met Ferrell and was at once impressed with his possibilities for service in that difficult field: "Come with me," he said, "I have work for you to do."

Into the woods of North Idaho he led him, tramping 12 miles through heavy snow. The railroad tracks were left far behind. Arrived at the lumber camp, Higgins said to his protegee: "If you are any good, you will stay here, and do these men some good. If not, you will be back in Chicago within two months."

Ferrell stayed. He made good. He did good. Speaking of a recent

experience, he said: "I was hiking along through the timber and came to a good-sized camp. At the cook-house, I found the cook and his two funkies. 'Hello, who are you?' he said. 'I'm Dick Ferrell,' you ought to have arrived two weeks ago. A cyclone came along, blowing the trees down right and left, tore the tents into tatters, and all the men were flat on their face asking God to save their souls."

"The lumberjacks are just like other folks," says Dick Ferrell. "Too many of them never think of God until they are scared to death. But they need Him just like the rest of us."

## Says Mexican Labor Is Indispensable

"The most indispensable man in the Southwest is the Mexican laborer," says Dr. Robert N. McLean, for the past 10 years superintendent of the Spanish-speaking work in the United States for the Board of National Missions, now in attendance upon the Assembly. Dr. McLean has visited a number of church and Sunday-schools of the 57 churches under his direction more than double during his period of service.

"It must be admitted, even by residents of Florida, that California has a wonderful climate. It is a great asset to the state, and we are glad that it is being displayed for the benefit of the commissioners to the General Assembly. But after all, admitting all that can be said of our golden sunshine, we must recognize that the prosperity of this state is founded on agriculture. This agriculture is largely seasonal. There is no month in the year when some crop is not rolling to market. With a very short harvest season for most of these crops, we have repeated a sudden call for a large number of workers. Without the Mexican this call could not be met, and much of our products would spoil before they could reach a market. If he only knew it, the Mexican laborer has California agriculture in the hollow of his hand."

"Can the Mexican make any other contribution to us beside that of his labor?" Dr. McLean was asked. "We have only begun to realize his fine possibilities," was the answer. "As I meet our Mexican brethren in our 57 churches and 10 Homes of Neighborly Service I am more and more impressed with their strength of Christian character. They have a strong love for beauty, and our new building at San Bernardino shows in its vivid and striking decorations their sure sense of color. We have much to learn from these Mexicans whom God is sending to us."

## For Spanish-Speaking

The Church of the Good Shepherd, the enterprise conducted by the Board of National Missions for Spanish-speaking people of San Francisco, invites all commissioners of Spanish speech, as well as all workers among Spanish-speaking people to a complimentary dinner at 6 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. The church is at 756 Union Street, and the work is under the direction of Rev. Charles A. Thomson. The pastor is Rev. Alberto Rembao.

## Extracts from Report of Peace Commission

From the extensive report of the special Commission of 1925 for peace, purity, unity and progress of the church, the following extracts are reprinted supplementing the quotations printed in Saturday's issue of General Assembly Daily News. These passages particularly received marked attention from the Assembly:

"The causes making for unrest in the moral and intellectual world are confined to no section of the Church and to no one nation. The tides of truth and error break on every shore and what we think and say in America is said and thought in Japan and China and India. In some degree the anti-Christian movements now appearing in the Orient are related to the currents of naturalistic thought which flow through our own land. The Christian religion has always had to fight for its life, and each age has been compelled to fashion its own arguments and create its own defense. There is immediate need for a fresh and compelling statement of the reasons for our faith. The Church is waiting for it, and the youth of our time are hungry to receive it. The Church must be set for the defense of the everlasting Gospel and must speak to the age in its own language. One cannot read the scholarly and majestic arguments of other generations without a thrill. There have been Christian giants among the scholars in every era of the Church's history, and one of the pressing needs in America and throughout the world is for a fresh and powerful Christian apologetic which will make its appeal to the perplexed mind of the modern world.

"This calls for thoroughly equipped and aggressive leadership. We need to lay hold upon the strongest of our young men for the Gospel ministry and for other positions of service in the Church. When things are being shaken and the intellectual and moral currents are running fast the witness of the ministry must be clear and its ranks full. We would have the youth of our colleges and congregations hear the call of God and know that the Presbyterian Church is vitally interested in their intellectual and spiritual problems and is eager to welcome them to places of great service in this world-wide spiritual warfare.

"No low intellectual or spiritual standards for those entering the ministry will suffice. In other professions the courses of study are being enlarged and intensified. We have no data by which to judge accurately of the scholastic preparation of those entering the Presbyterian ministry from other denominations, but the situation in regard to some of our own ministerial candidates is sufficiently disquieting. Of the total number of students, graduate and undergraduate, in our Presbyterian seminaries, only a few more than one-half are preparing for the Presby-

terian ministry, and of these more than one-fourth have not completed a college course.

"It is not necessary to elaborate statistics. The situation existing has been known for years. When education is so universal and our institutions of higher learning are thronged with ambitious youth there must be some reason which the Church must seek out why young men not fully qualified are admitted to the ministry. The Presbyterian theory of the parity of intellectual discipline and theological preparation. This has been the historic position of our Church. It was founded on sound scholarship; and we believe that to the relaxing of these standards may be traced some of the causes of unrest within the Church.

"Grateful as we are for the strong and able young men of our generation who have entered and are now preparing to enter the ministry we are impressed with the necessity of maintaining and elevating the standard of requirements. Ultimate responsibility rests with the Presbyteries, and while there will always be provision for exceptional personalities, progress demands unyielding insistence upon a high degree of attainment on the part of the Church's official teachers and leaders.

"But scholarship alone will not make a Church; neither will it sustain a Church's life. There are other and higher qualifications for the important tasks and duties to which God is summoning us.

"There must be a revival of strong, scriptural preaching—far more earnest and expectant evangelistic preaching designed to win men to Christ as their Saviour and Lord, and stimulating every Church member to enlist in direct Christian effort to bring others to Christian faith and discipleship; a great volume of able and enlightening doctrinal preaching and instruction which grapples with the actual spiritual problems and intellectual difficulties of today and sets forth convincingly the solid and reasonable grounds upon which our Christian convictions rest; preaching that will send Church members to their Bibles and revive Bible reading and Bible teaching in the homes and in all the Church's services and schools, which will recover, and add to, old experience respecting spiritual worship and devotional life, which will renew the spirit of prayer and rekindle the waning flame upon the altar of the Christian household.

"There must be a study by the Presbyteries of our constitution and government, that the large number of ministers who have come to us from other denominations may enter fully into the temper and character of our Church, and that our Presbyteries may preserve the forms of action which are natural to us and whose neglect is chargeable with some of the troubles from which we are now seeking a deliverance. The recovery by our Presbyteries of their true functions must be accompanied by an increase of local congregational efficiency which will bring the great body of our Churches to the level already

reached by some which have set the highest standard.

"There must be a sympathetic, intelligent and confident approach by the Church to the problems of education. The education of the present generation has passed too much into the control of forces which are indifferent or hostile to the Christian faith. If Christianity is not true it should be abandoned. But if it is true, as we know it to be true, and the truth without which the world cannot live, then this truth must be carried into every field of human life, into all types of human relationships for the righting of wrong and the achievement of good through the kingdom of God. And especially must it be brought into the lives of young men and young women that they may find in it the guidance, without which they will surely wander, and the assured answer to their questions as to life's meaning and end.

"There must be a more general acceptance by the Church of the principle of stewardship of life and wealth, and acceptance of the Gospel as a trust. Never was there a clearer or more commanding call than the Church's advance in her organized corporate work at home and on foreign fields. With resourceful America on one side of the globe, and, on the other, contemplative India and progressive Japan and seething China, there flame before the faces of men the signal fires of a Providential purpose. God has given our Church all the equipment she requires for the fulfillment of her task with respect to that purpose. Now let her rise and go forward.

"We call upon the Church to stand with unflinching loyalty in the abiding truth of the Gospel and with that truth in her keeping and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to advance toward the accomplishment of her Divinely appointed task in the service of our generation by the will of God. We know that such a forward movement is not a matter merely of general appeal or Assembly resolution adopted at the suggestion of a Commission. Not by these, not by might, nor by power, but by God's Spirit alone can the peace and purity and unity and progress of the Church be assured."

### Missionary Here Says Gandhi Heads Cow-Worshippers

Edgar M. Wilson, Presbyterian missionary at Islamapur, India, is attending the General Assembly. He finds that the one subject concerning India in which Americans seem most interested, is Mr. Gandhi, and says:

"Now I am a great admirer of Mr. Gandhi. For one thing he has shown great ability. Suppose a man from China had come to California some years ago and made a working agreement with the authorities regarding the status of the Chinese in California, whatever else we might think about him, we should agree that he had ability. That is a parallel to what Mr. Gandhi did for the Hindus in South Africa.

"Then, too, Mr. Gandhi has shown great moral courage. India as a

whole is short on moral courage. Mr. Gandhi has not hesitated to denounce the caste system and to show himself the friend of the outcasts. He has also shown himself tolerant of Christianity. When the boys of his school wished to study the Christian Scriptures, he arranged for them to do so.

"But Mr. Gandhi is a staunch Hindu and says so openly, and he has an impractical streak which makes him the despair of many of the well-wishers of India. Two years ago he presided over the Cow Protection Society at a large meeting in Belgium. According to Hinduism the cow is the most sacred of animals and is to be worshipped. This results in constant friction with the 70,000,000 Mohammedans of the land, as well as with foreigners, both of whom use beef for food. "The conference over which he presided adopted a constitution which works for 'cow protection in all religious ways.'

"Now all this is against the economic welfare of India. Millions of its people never get enough to eat. They need the forbidden meat. Sam Higginbottom says: 'India is the poorest country on the face of God's earth, and the cow and what she stands for there is largely to blame. That is because the Hindu believes in transmigration — that animals are inhabited by the spirits of human beings. Therefore if you s'rike a cow you may, for all you know, be striking your grandmother.'

"Before you put Mr. Gandhi on a plane or think of him as the Savior of India, remember that he is also president of the All-India Cow Protection Society, which is composed of cow-worshippers."

### Tulsa Presents Its Claims for General Assembly of 1928

Presbyterians of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in inviting the General Assembly for 1928, state that Tulsa is located in the center of the oil field of the West. It is a city of 135,000 with four Presbyterian churches of our Assembly with a membership of 4,500. The First Church is reported to be well equipped to care for the Assembly, having an auditorium seating 2,500 with nine other assembly rooms seating from 150 to 900 each. There are more than 100 separate rooms in the church plant.

The University of Tulsa, the Presbyterian medical college, is located there. Tulsa is in the center of the old Indian Territory, where the church has been carrying on home mission work for over 100 years. The city has splendid hotels, a city auditorium seating 4,000, good railroad connections, paved roads leading in every direction, claims to have a delightful climate in May, the people there state that there is not a state where the meeting of the General Assembly will mean more for the advancement of the kingdom of God than here.

### Thanks for Flowers

Four of the beautiful baskets of flowers placed on the platform Monday morning were furnished by the Westminster Fellowship of Howard Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

## Memorial Day Address by Dr. Macartney

Memorial Day Address Delivered at the General Assembly, May 30, 1927, by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, of Pittsburgh, former Moderator of the General Assembly.

From the text "Their name liveth forever," Dr. Macartney said in part:

Looking back from the vantage point of sixty-six years, we can see that the Civil War was not merely a crisis in the national history, but a crisis in the history of the human race. I know of no better summary of the meaning of the conflict than these words from the autobiography of John Stuart Mill, "My strongest feelings were engaged in this struggle, which, I felt from the beginning, was destined to be a turning-point for good or evil, of the course of human affairs for an indefinite duration. The success of the slave powers would be a victory of the powers of evil which would give courage to the enemies of the progress and damp the spirits of its friends all over the civilized world, while it would create a formidable military power, grounded on the worst and most anti-social form of the tyranny of men over men, and by trying for a long time the pulse of the great democratic principle, would give to all the oppressed classes of Europe a self-confidence, probably only to be extinguished in blood."

Southern orator and writer includes his story of the war. He account of what transpired at Appomattox by referring to the Confederate cause as "one of those causes which pleased the spirits but did not please destiny." No sensible man would believe that many noble spirits ended with marvelous valor and heroism the cause of the Confederacy. Yet who is there today who regrets that the Confederate cause was one of those causes which did not please destiny?

But the destiny which God appoints for men and nations is carried into effect by human agents. The agents who under the hand of God demonstrated to the world that the cause of secession and the consequent dissolution of the nation, was not one of the causes which pleased destiny were the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic and the statesmen and patriots who supported them in the field. Nine hundred thousand men enlisted in the Confederate armies with the firm determination that their cause should be also the cause which should "please destiny," the victorious cause. The only thing, therefore, which prevented that cause from pleasing destiny was the courage and ability and sacrifice and faith of the men who opposed them in arms. Had they quarreled among themselves, had they lost heart and hope through the many reverses which befell them in battle before the victory was won, the nation would have

been divided, and, as a nation, forever destroyed.

It is for this reason, therefore, because these men were the human agents through whom God preserved the nation, that we the people of the land rest from our labors today to honor the dead and cheer the living. The Inspiration which we feel on a day like this is one rare spirit which breathes upon men nowhere else than near to the altar of sacrifice. That is where we are standing today, hard by the altar of a great and tremendous sacrifice for the right.

Watchman, what of the night? The night cometh; also the morning. The soldiers and sailors who sleep in their graves did their work well, and therefore their name liveth forever more. But what of the night? What does the tomorrow hold in store for the nation these men died to preserve? The morning cometh; also the night. If there are signs of a brighter dawning, so also there are intimations of the coming dawn of the night. When we reflect that the nation which these men died to save is today the nation which leads the whole world in murders and other crimes; that that nation leads the whole family of nations in the number of homes tainted and blasted by divorce; when we survey the melancholy ruins of the family altar and the withered leaves of the tree of family religion and morality; when we gaze upon un-dressed, unskirted indecency and immodesty parading our streets and avenues; when we behold a people who are "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God," that ancient and fatal disease of the nations; when we discover the world and the fashion thereof comfortably established in the pews of our churches, and highly salaried and highly honored scepticism and unbelief speaking from our pulpits, who is there who loves his country who will not have anxious misgivings and say with himself, "Watchman, what of the night?" It is, therefore, altogether fitting that on this commemorative day we should pause for a moment from the occupations and pleasures of the day to stand for a little by the graves of those who, for the sake of the nation, loved not their lives unto the death, and humbling ourselves before Almighty God, there seek that spirit of reverence, self-denial and faith by which alone shall men and nations live.

### Get Your Railroad Tickets Validated

All return railroad tickets must be validated. Railroad clerks will be in the front corridor of the Auditorium, Tuesday, during the middle part of the day.

### Fresh from China

For 10 years the 30 or more missionaries working in Hainan Island, South China, have financed and published a unique magazine, Hainan Newsletter. The larger number has just reached the United States. It is full of the "red" atmosphere, as this band of workers have breathed it for the last 18 months. A few copies may be had at the Information Desk, Auditorium lobby.

### Dr. King Advances

Dr. William R. King, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, has been called as executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of the Protestant Churches in the United States and Canada. Dr. King has had charge of the promotion work of the National Board and its predecessor, the Board of Home Missions, for eight years. He has accepted the secretaryship of the Home Missions Council to begin his work September 1. This new work enlarges his home mission interest, broadens his field of activity, and gives him an opportunity to serve the entire church in furthering fellowship, conferences and co-operation among all branches of Protestantism.

### McCormick Men Dine

One hundred and sixty McCormick alumni had dinner last evening at Presbyterian headquarters, 228 McAllister street. Rev. W. O. Carrier, D.D., of the Directors, presided. Greetings were sent to President James G. K. McClure, whose resignation was announced last month.

### Suitcases Lost

A commissioner reports that on Friday, May 27, two suitcases were lost on the highway between Vallejo and Richmond. If found, please notify H. D. Chandler, 630 66th street, Oakland. Phone Piedmont 2629-J. A reward is offered.

### Cumberland and Lane Alumni Dine

A large number of alumni of Cumberland University and Lane Theological Seminary met for dinner Monday evening at the Stewart Hotel. An excellent report was heard and the best of fellowship was enjoyed.

Rev. R. Ames Montgomery, D.D., LL.D., new president of Lane, was enthusiastically greeted as he rose to address the assembled guests. The co-operative plan which will afford the students alternating periods of study work in a church, was approved by the alumni, and sym pathetic co-operation was pledged Dr. Montgomery in this new venture in theological and religious education.

### San Francisco Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet of the San Francisco Theological Seminary will be held at the Clift Hotel this (Tuesday) evening at 6 o'clock.

All former students and friends of the Seminary are cordially invited. Secure tickets from Dr. Warren H. Landon, A. A. Pratt, Luther E. Stein, C. J. Gormley or S. D. Archibald.

A short business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in Polk Hall at 4:45 p. m. All members of the Association are urged to be present.

### Colored Commissioners

All colored commissioners are asked to meet in the Foreign Missions Committee room, on the fourth floor of the Auditorium, at 5 o'clock this (Tuesday) afternoon.

### Our Gospel Scouts At General Assembly

The church's appreciation of its heroic scouting force, the Sunday-school missionaries, has found expression in honoring 25 of them, representing nearly 250 of many different synods, by electing them as commissioners to this General Assembly. These men spend their lives in the remote sections, ministering to small and scattered groups, maintaining more than 3,500 mission Sunday-school stations where no churches are found. The General Assembly is a rich experience for them and the inspiration which they derive from it will carry them through many a discouraging experience as they travel the lonely trail seeking and saving the lost.

The entire company was gathered for dinner with their leader, Mr. John M. Somerville, at the Whitcomb Hotel, Friday evening, when they exchanged experiences and enjoyed a period of fellowship in their common task.

### American Bible Society Endorsed

The General Assembly adopted the following:

Whereas, The report of the American Bible Society shows that during the past year both the demands for the Holy Scriptures and the Society's efforts to supply this demand have greatly increased, not only within our own country but throughout the world; and that this society, the official agency of the Presbyterian Church in a world-wide Bible program, has by the blessing of God been able to play a great part in such advances:

Resolved, That this Assembly reiterates the commendations and endorsements of the American Bible Society placed on record by previous Assemblies; and

Resolved, That the Assembly approves of the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 4, 1927, and recommends to the churches that services be conducted appropriate to the occasion.

### On Magazine Staff

Rev. J. Hudson Ballard, Ph.D., professor of religious education in Occidental College, formerly field director of the Presbyterian New Era movement and more recently pastor at Pomona, California, is helping Editor James G. Bailey to cover Assembly for The Presbyterian Magazine.

### Guided Future Bishop

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D.D., of Minneapolis, who withdrew as a candidate for Moderator in favor of Dr. Speer, was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Rye, New York.

One of the young men who was then a member of that church was Ned Parsons, a student at Yale. Today he is Bishop Edwin Lambie Parsons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, San Francisco diocese, and Dr. Bushnell, also a graduate of Yale, takes pride in having had a share in his early training for Christian service.

## One China Mission That Goes On Without Interruption

Mr. C. R. Callender brings to the Assembly greetings from the Presbyterian Mission in Yunnan, China. This is the youngest mission under the Presbyterial Board in China. The Yunnan Mission holds a unique position in that it is a pioneer field and at present it is the only mission in China that is going on uninterruptedly.

The Presbyterians are conducting work there primarily among the Tai. They are the same as the Siamese. The Tai are the elder brother of the Chinese. They lived in the Yangtze valley long before the Chinese came in and drove them southward. The Siam nation is one of the results of those drives. As the ebb of the tide leaves water in the depressions so go the forest folk in the narrow valleys. The Tai of Siam are Buddhists. According to prophecies of Buddha there are five Buddhas, four having come and still one more to appear. This belief may be said to adumbrate the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and furnishes an approach for preaching the gospel.

The Tai Ya do things en masse. They cooperate in nearly everything. They go to the forest for wood en masse; go to market every fifth day en masse, plant their rice fields in groups, consult together about things that concern their local welfare. So they accept Christ en masse.

Siam nationals made it possible to care for the mass movement in Yunnan, China. Over 50 churches have been back of this movement. They helped to furnish forces and funds. They traveled 40 days to reach the movement. Single men came and served one (or more) year and families came under contract to remain for three years, to teach the converts. There were thousands of them, including children, to care for.

Last year 225 adults were received into the communion of Kuanking Station, where the mass movement is. Six mud chapels have been built by the Christians, the Mission assisting with timbers only. Local leadership is emerging. Both Chinese and Tai languages are used; the Chinese for educational work, Tai from northern Siam for the evangelistic and church work.

Great social reforms are taking place among the Christian and impressing the non-Christian element. The custom of free loach has given way to market ceremony; liquor that flowed as freely as water on all public occasions is prohibited; the wasteful custom of killing animals for funeral feasts is taboo. They have found that Christian practice is good economy. They are eaving their animals, selling what they do not need, and buying rice fields.

A hospital is hadly needed. Patients come from all quarters several days distant. They lie underneath the bamboo shack in which Dr. Park and family live, in tents and under trees. The front porch of this shack is the operating room. Recently an arm was amputated at the shoulder

joint. A gift of \$5,000, by Mr. Alexander C. Soper, of Lakewood, New Jersey, for the erection of a hospital, is timely.

## Says the Mexican Can Dictate Future of California

"The Mexican laborer, if he only knew it, could dictate the industrial future of the state of California," says Rev. Charles A. Thomson, who is in attendance upon the sessions of the Presbyterial General Assembly.

Mr. Thomson is director of the House of the Good Shepherd, an institution interested in the social and spiritual welfare of the thousands of people of Spanish speech in the city of San Francisco. In his work he has been compelled to make an intensive study of the whole question of Mexican immigration, and proves conclusively that almost every great California industry is dependent at some point upon Mexican labor.

In preparation for his work, Mr. Thomson spent 18 months in Mexico City, in order that he might thoroughly understand the psychology and historical background of the people who during the past decade have come in such large numbers into the United States. While in Mexico City he studied in the National University, obtaining the degree of Master of Arts—the first American to be so recognized by the University. For his thesis he made a case study of the housing, wages and hours of labor of 20 families in the capital.

Mr. Thomson feels that we Americans do not understand Mexicans in the United States, because we do not understand Mexico as a nation.

"Most people," says he, "think of Mexico as a land of sage-brush, cactus and revolutions. And yet Mexico City was a cultural center before the Mayflower landed, and the National University was flourishing before educational institutions were even dreamed of in this country."

The House of the Good Shepherd furnished 120 ushers in costume for the opening session of the General Assembly in the Auditorium.

## Venture in Goodwill

The Presbyterian Church is sympathetic with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in its program for a better understanding between the white and colored races in the South. The Commission has its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and one of its members is Elder James D. Burton, of Oakdale, Tennessee, who is a commissioner to this Assembly.

The Commission's campaign of education has improved racial attitudes; thousands are members of racial study groups in churches; college students are giving attention to studies in racial adjustment; forums of white and colored students are meeting from time to time; crime prevention campaigns are conducted; assistance is given for better school buildings; prevention of mob violence is cultivated by building up a wholesome sentiment in favor of law and order; over 400 newspapers carry favorable news and edi-

torials on the work in one year; and through the efforts of this commission public officials have been enlisted in the movement and pursue liberal policies in their respective departments.

There are over 800 organized counties of interracial committees in the South, promoting the spirit of mildness and conciliation.

Judge J. H. DeWitt, of the State Court of Appeals of Tennessee, and a member of the Presbyterial Permanent Judicial Commission, is vice-chairman of the State Interracial Committee of Tennessee.

## Foreign Missions Night Program

The following program for Foreign Missions Night, Tuesday evening at 7:45, has been announced: Dr. Charles R. Erdman, president.

Hymn, page 59, verses 1, 3, 4: "O Zion Haste."

Prayer. — Selection by Chinese Choir, "The Heavens Resound." (From Chinese Churches of San Francisco and Oakland).

Introduction of all missionaries by Dr. Francis Shunk Downs. (Prayer for missionaries and mission work.)

Hymn, page 24, verses 1 and 4— "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Address by Rev. Clarence E. Hoffman of Chosen.

Address by Rev. Norman W. Taylor of Mexico.

Selection by Chinese Choir— "Awake, Awake, Put on Thy Strength, O Zion."

Address by Rev. Charles R. Pittman of Persia.

Address by Mrs. Charles K. Roys, recently returned from China.

Selection by Chinese Choir— "Lead on, O King Eternal." (Audience joining in last verse.)

Prayer and Benediction.

## Native Young Women As Bible Readers Needed in Porto Rico

One of the greatest needs of the Porto Rican Presbyterian churches today is the training of native young women as Bible readers, according to Rev. Luis Maldonado and Rev. Remigio Perez, who have come as commissioners to the General Assembly from Porto Rico.

Pastoral work among the people on the island is greatly hampered by this lack of women who can go into the homes and read and talk with other women whose husbands are away at work in the factories and in the fields. Much more of the kind of religious education offered at the Presbyterial Neighborhood House, Mayaguez, should as soon as possible be undertaken.

Another factor in the religious situation in Porto Rico is the lack of adequate church buildings. In a town, for instance, where the Roman Catholics have a \$25,000 church, the Presbyterians have only a rented room which will seat but 50 people. The evangelical work necessarily suffers in comparison.

Another element is the grave economic situation of the island. Fully 100,000 people in Porto Rico at present are unemployed. Nevertheless, says Mr. Perez, the

Porto Rican churches are advancing toward self-support.

Mr. Perez is pastor of the Presbyterial church at Lares and has charge of several rural chapels in the neighborhood. Mr. Maldonado is pastor at Aguada and Monte Flores. Both men are products of Presbyterial missions and graduates of the Evangelical Seminary in Porto Rico. Mr. Maldonado was graduated from the Polytechnic Institute, a Presbyterial institution at San German, Porto Rico, and also from the University of Porto Rico.

## First Chinese Girl At Leland Stanford

One of the speakers who attracted a good deal of attention at the Biennial women's meetings was Miss Bessie Jeong, now a student at Leland Stanford, the first Chinese girl ever to be admitted to that institution. Miss Jeong was a graduate of the Presbyterial National Missions Chinese Mission Home in San Francisco and later attended San Mateo Junior College. She plans to study medicine and work in this country among her own people. Her topic was what young people are doing in missionary service.

## Informal Social Hour for Women

The Woman's Committee of the local Committee of Arrangements for General Assembly has arranged an informal social hour for both local women and visitors at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins Hotels, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, May 31, and June 1, at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served for those who wish it. Reservations may be made at the Information Booth, Civic Auditorium.

These are two of San Francisco's beautiful hotels, which visitors should not fail to see, with their remarkable view of ocean and city. They stand on opposite corners of California and Mason streets.

Take the Powell street cable car, which starts from Powell and Market, or the O'Farrell and California line, which starts at the intersection of Jones, Market and McAllister streets.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Paul Raymond, Dr. Mariana Bertola, Mrs. Frederick W. Bradley, Mrs. George A. Kennedy and Mrs. John A. McGregor.

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## National Missions Celebration

National Missions had a great day at the General Assembly Tuesday, when there was celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Board, also the 50th anniversary of Woman's work and 50 years of Alaskan work.

Dr. John A. Marquis, general secretary of the National Board, presided.

Mr. Roy M. Hart, vice-president of the National Board, read the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of May 31, 1892, constituting the first Standing Committee of Missions as follows:

"The committee to whom were referred a communication from the Trustees of the Assembly, and also a proposition for the establishment of a standing committee of missions, reported, and submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Assembly, viz:

1. That a committee be chosen annually by the General Assembly to be denominated the Standing Committee of Missions; that the committee shall consist of seven members, of whom four shall be clergymen and three laymen; that a majority of this committee shall be a quorum to do business; that it shall be the duty of this committee to collect, during the recess of the Assembly, all the information in their power relative to the concerns of missions and missionaries; to direct this information and to report thereon at each meeting of the Assembly; to designate the places where, and to specify the periods during which, the missionaries should be employed; to correspond with them, if necessary, and with all persons on missionary business; to nominate missionaries to the Assembly, and report the number which the funds will permit to be employed; to hear the reports of the missionaries and make a statement thereon to the Assembly, relative to the diligence, fidelity, and success of the missionaries, the sums due to each, and such parts of their reports as it may be proper for the Assembly to hear in detail; to ascertain annually, whether any money remains with the Trustees of the College of New Jersey, which ought to be used for missionary purposes, agreeably to the last will of James Leslie, deceased; that they also engage a suitable person annually to preach a missionary sermon on the Monday evening next after the opening of the General Assembly, at which a collection shall be made for the support of

## TODAY'S DOCKET

Wednesday Morning, June 1

9.00 A.M. Session opened with prayer and praise.

Reading of Minutes of Tuesday's sessions.

Report of Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Report of General Council, continued.

Miscellaneous business.

Election of members of Permanent Judicial Commission.

Election of Members of General Council.

Election of Trustee, or Trustees, of General Assembly.

Election of Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Election of members of the Boards, except Foreign Missions.

Devotional service.

Report of Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. Election of members of the Board.

Treasurer's announcements.

General announcements.

Distribution of mileage and entertainment checks.

Report of Standing Committee on Finance.

Report of Standing Committee on Leave of Absence.

Discharge of Standing Committees and return of all papers.

Reading of the Minutes of today's sessions.

Dissolving the Assembly.

missions; and superintend generally, under the direction of the Assembly, the missionary business.

2. That although this standing committee shall be elected annually, yet each committee shall continue in office till the end of the sessions of that Assembly, which succeeds the one by which the said committee was chosen.

3. That this standing committee of missions, in addition to the duties above specified, shall be, and they hereby are, empowered to direct the Trustees of the General Assembly, during the recess of the Assembly, to issue warrants for any sums of money which may become due, in consequence of contracts, appropriations, or assignments of duty made by the Assembly, and for which orders may not have been issued by the Assembly; and on this subject the committee shall report annually to the Assembly."

The first Standing Committee of Missions consisted of the following: Dr. Ashbel Green, the Rev. Messrs. John B. Linn, Jacob J. Janeway, Phillip Milladolet, Dr. Elias Boudinot, Robert Smith, Ebenezer Hazard.

Dr. William O. Thompson, retiring Moderator, delivered an address on "One Hundred and Twenty-five Years of National Missions." Mrs. D. Everett Waid told of "Fifty Years in Woman's Work." Dr. S. Hall Young, missionary in Alaska

since 1878, related the story of the amazing progress made in what a short time ago was Russian America.

Dr. Marquis presented to the Assembly various leaders in the Board's work who had rendered service for more than 25 years, and they were decorated with a service pin and presented with service certificates, each recipient being vigorously applauded.

The report of the Standing Committee on National Missions was adopted, except that the nominations for election went over until today under the rule of the Assembly. The report is printed in this issue.

Secretary Marquis addressed the Assembly eloquently. Among the points emphasized by him was the Board's success in raising its debt of almost \$1,000,000, an unprecedented accomplishment in the history of church boards. He added that during the past year the Board had cut its budget mercilessly but had counted on receiving from benevolences as much money as during the year before. However, there had been a falling off of receipts, so that the Board finished its fiscal year with a deficit of \$191,000. This had been wiped out by belated receipts and through the fact that certain Board members who already had contributed lib-

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## Judicial Commission's Decisions

The Permanent Judicial Commission presented to the General Assembly its decisions in seven judicial cases, and all of them were made the final decision of the General Assembly, as follows:

### Case Number One

Being the complaint of Walter D. Buchanan and others to the One Hundred Thirty-ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America against the Synod of New York for its action and decision in Judicial Cases three and four, referred to it by the One Hundred Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

The matters forming the body of this complaint were originally brought against the Presbytery of New York for its actions in licensing Mr. Cameron Parker Hall and receiving into membership Reverend Carlos G. Fuller. They were taken directly by the complainants to the One Hundred Thirty-seventh General Assembly and were remanded by that body to the Synod of New York for appropriate action.

The Synod's Judicial Commission dismissed both complaints. It is against these dismissals by the Synod that complaint is now filed. The judgment of dismissal brought up for review is as follows:

### "JUDGMENT

"Since the records in the cases of the complaint against the licensure of Cameron Parker Hall and of the complaint against the receiving into membership of the Rev. Carlos G. Fuller show that the Presbytery of New York was satisfied with their examinations and that they affirmatively answered the constitutional questions, and since the records contain no evidence that the Presbytery acted improperly in the licensure or the admission to membership, it is ordered that the said complaints be, and they hereby are, dismissed.

(Signed) "Marshall S. Brown,  
"Clerk of Judicial Commission,  
Synod of New York."

This judgment is based upon the fact that the records in the cases show that the Presbytery was satisfied, that the candidates affirmatively answered all the constitutional questions, and that the records contain no evidence that the Presbytery acted improperly.

The complainants contend that this case is similar to other cases decided by the General Assembly, and that the decisions relating thereto should control here. But in the cases referred to the acts

complained of were undisputed.

There arises the question as to what constitutes the record before a higher judicatory.

It is the contention of the complainants that the minutes of the Presbytery of New York are not complete. They therefore sought to add to the record by seeking to introduce an alleged stenographic report of the questions and answers in the examinations of Mr. Hall and Mr. Fuller, and certain other written protests and asked that these together with oral testimony be added to the record.

This the Synod refused to do, having its refusal on Section XXV of the Book of Discipline which reads: "Nothing which is not contained in the record shall be taken into consideration in the higher judicatories." This same question was before the Permanent Judicial Commission in session May 23, 1925, to wit:

"The clerk read the record and papers in Case No. 4, being the complaint against the Presbytery of New York in licensing Mr. Cameron Parker Hall. The complainants were represented by the Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, D.D., and the respondents by George Richards, Esq., and Timothy Newell Pfeiffer, Esq. Following the argument, there was a division of opinion over the evidence to be admitted in the case. The commission went into executive session to determine the matter of proper procedure. A motion to reject the stenographic report attached to the report prevailed." (See Minutes of the General Assembly, 1926.)

Upon examination, it was found that the records composed of the minutes of the Presbytery of New York fully meet the requirements of the Constitution: Book of Discipline, Chapter IX, Article III, Section VIII. The law does not require Presbyteries to keep records of the examinations of candidates and of their answers to questions, except as provided in the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section IV, which reads: "If the examination in theology be unsatisfactory to one-fourth of the Presbyters present, they may demand a further examination, in writing, on questions proposed by them, and by the Presbytery, questions and answers to be filed by the Presbytery." The complainants could have availed themselves of the provisions of this section and required a further examination of the candidates in writing. This they failed to do.

The record shows in both cases complained of, that, although certain individuals, constituting a small minority, were dissatisfied, the Presbytery itself was satisfied in the examinations of the candidates, and that they both answered all the Constitutional questions in the affirmative. No action is revealed which was in any respect irregular, unconstitutional, or improper. It shows that the Presbytery after due care and deliberation was satisfied. It is the Presbytery which must be satisfied in the matters of licensure and ordination. The Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section VII, says: "If the Presbytery be satisfied with him (the candidate's) trials, they shall then proceed to

license him." But this satisfaction must be constitutional. In these cases, there is nothing to show that the Presbytery of New York did not act in a constitutional manner. On the other hand, the record discloses that all the requirements of the Constitution were fully met.

If there were pertinent facts in this case which were not disclosed in the record submitted, a way was provided in our Constitution for a minority of the Presbytery to make the desired additions to the record. This privilege was not exercised by the minority, although upon at least one occasion the required number, one-fourth, was available. It must be remembered that the record as submitted shows no irregularities; it shows the usual constitutional procedure. It is the function of this body to review properly constituted and certified records.

#### JUDGMENT

Therefore, the judgment of the Synod of New York is affirmed, and it is ordered that the complaint be and hereby is dismissed. (Judge M. Linn Bruce, being a member of the Synod of New York, did not sit on this case.)

#### Case Number Two

Albert H. Crombie, complainant vs. the Synod of South Dakota, respondent. In re: deposition from the ministry by the Presbytery of Black Hills.

This is a complaint against the action of the Synod of South Dakota in refusing to proceed with the consideration of the complaint of Albert H. Crombie, at its pro-re-nata meeting, called by the Moderator for the purpose, held in Huron, S. D., on the 14th day of April, 1927.

In the voluminous papers submitted it is somewhat difficult to trace the bare history of the case, but for the purpose of reaching a judgment the following statement of facts will suffice:

Difficulties arose in the church of Lead, of which Mr. Crombie was pastor, which were brought to the attention of the Presbytery and at length were brought before Synod through memorials and reference.

In October, 1925, the Synod ordered the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between Mr. Crombie and the Lead Church.

The Presbytery, at its April meeting in 1926, in accordance with the directions of Synod, dissolved these relations.

Subsequently there was continued agitation over certain alleged ministerial misconduct of Mr. Crombie in connection with an independent religious work he was undertaking in Lead, and also over certain alleged abusive statements and misrepresentations on his part.

In October, 1926, the Synod having received certain memorials and references from the Presbytery in the matter of such alleged ministerial misconduct, directed the Presbytery to prefer charges against Mr. Crombie with a view to his dismissal from the ministry.

In obedience to these directions

the Presbytery on October 28th, 1926, preferred charges and in a series of adjourned meetings in December, 1926, proceeded with the trial, reaching a judgment of deposition; and he was deposed. Mr. Crombie complained to the Synod against the judgment of deposition. His complaint was that he had not been duly cited by Presbytery; that the trial itself in specified particulars was prejudiced and unfair, and that the judgment was unjust.

On the ground of the hardship of the deprivation of the means of livelihood, with a wife and two children dependent, he appealed to the Moderator of the Synod to call a pro-re-nata meeting to hear and issue the case.

The Moderator called a pro-re-nata meeting under the authority of Chapter XIX of the Form of Government, Section 2, entitled "Of Moderators," namely: "And he (the Moderator) shall likewise be empowered, on any extraordinary emergency, to convene the judicatory before the ordinary time of meeting."

The Synod upon convening, refused to find the call in order, on the ground that no extraordinary emergency existed, and on such further grounds as that the season was inopportune, that a remote Presbytery could not be represented, that a Synodical rule had not been observed, and that the complaint could be considered in due order, at the stated meeting in October.

The complaint of Mr. Crombie is taken against the refusal of Synod to proceed to hear his complaint at this pro-re-nata meeting called for that purpose.

The provision of Chapter XIX of the Form of Government, Section 2, is clear that the Moderator is empowered, in an extraordinary emergency, to call a pro-re-nata meeting.

He having the responsibility for issuing the call (and not the judicatory), must decide whether or not the emergency is extraordinary, and if the Synod, upon convening, found the time inopportune, or that certain conditions prevented a full representation from the Presbyteries, it was competent for Synod to adjourn until a more suitable time.

In view of the complainant's obvious hardships and humiliations under the Presbytery's act of deposition, there was due to him from the Superior Court as prompt a hearing as was practicable.

For these reasons, the action of the Synod in refusing to proceed to hear and issue the complaint at that constitutionally called pro-re-nata meeting, or at an adjourned meeting, or at some more opportune time, is reversed and the complaint against Synod is sustained.

The matter is remanded to Synod for appropriate action, with instructions to proceed to hear and issue the complaint as promptly as possible, and with proper care.

#### Case Number Three

Complaint of John A. Hamilton vs. The Presbytery of New York  
The subject matter of this

Complaint having been previously reviewed and adjudicated by the General Assembly of 1909, and the Complaint having failed to appear to establish any charges, or specifications against the Presbytery, the Complaint should be, and hereby is, dismissed.

Judge Bruce being a member of the Judicatory complained of did not sit in this case.

#### Case Number Four

Adeline W. Owen, et al., Complainants, vs. The Synod of New Jersey, Respondent.

This is a complaint against the action of the Synod of New Jersey, taken at Atlantic City, October 18, 1926, dismissing the complaint of the minority members of the South Street Presbyterian Church at Morristown, New Jersey, against the Presbytery of Morris and Orange in consummating a merger of the First and South Street Presbyterian Churches into the Presbyterial Church of Morristown, New Jersey.

The merger of these two churches into one became effective by the action of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. The action of the Presbytery has been affirmed by the Synod of New Jersey, and is effective under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

We find in the complaint and in the record of the case that there is no doctrinal or constitutional question involved. In consequence the General Assembly has no jurisdiction in the case. See Form of Government, Chapter XI, Section 4.

Therefore the motion of the Respondent that the complaint be dismissed is granted.

(Mr. Emmons, being a member of the Judicatory complained of, did not participate in this case.)

#### Case Number Five

In the matter of the action of the Synod of West Virginia of the Presbyterial Church in the United States of America at a meeting held in the First Presbyterial Church in Moundsville, West Virginia, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 19th, 20th and 21st, 1926, representing the approval of a Call to the Pastorate of the Kanawha Presbyterial Church of Charleston, West Virginia, voted to be extended to the Rev. Warren Sage Stone, D.D., of Rochester, New York, by a majority vote of the members of the congregation of said Kanawha Presbyterial Church at a congregational meeting held in said church on Wednesday, March 31, 1926, and delivered to the said Stone at a meeting held in the First Presbyterial Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th, 1926.

This complaint to the General Assembly of the Presbyterial Church in the United States of America, by twenty-eight officers, communicant members, and members of the congregation of the Kanawha Presbyterial Church of Charleston, West Virginia, who are aggrieved by the action of the Synod of West Virginia in approv-

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# Committee on Polity Report Adopted

The following report of the Standing Committee on Polity was adopted by the General Assembly:

Overture 3.—From the Presbytery of Binghamton, concerning the appointment of members of non-eclesiastical bodies by our judicatories. The Committee on Polity recommends that the action of the General Assembly of 1924 (See Minutes, p. 128) should not be taken as a precedent.

Overture 4.—Also from the Presbytery of Binghamton, requesting that a service be provided for the ordination and installation of Ministers of Religious Education similar to that now used for Pastors, and involving certain changes in the Form of Government; the Committee on Polity voted:

1.—A negative answer to the proposed change in Chapter XV, Sec. 15, which would provide for the ordination of Religious Work Directors.

2.—But in the case of the proposed change of Chapter XVI, Sec. 4, allowing of an appropriate installation of Religious Work Directors, that the matter be sympathetically referred back to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Overture 16.—From the Synod of Idaho, concerning the transfer of certain churches from the Synod of Idaho to the Synod of Washington; the Committee voted that inasmuch as there is no accompanying record of the Synod of Washington's having definitely approved of such transfer, the matter be deferred until the action of the Synod of Washington confirms it.

Overture 22.—From the Presbytery of Muncie, requesting an amending of the Book of Discipline, Chapter XI, Sec. 113, concerning the dismissing and receiving of Ministers from one Presbytery to another; it was voted, in view of the great importance of the issues involved, and the time necessarily required for investigation and consideration, that the Overture be referred to the General Council, to be reported to the General Assembly. This action we recommend.

Overtures 23 and 24.—From the Presbyteries of Omaha and Central Washington, on the transfer of the Bohemian Brethren Church of the Central Bohemian Presbytery to the Presbytery of Omaha; it was voted that the transfer become effective as soon as the Synods of Nebraska and Iowa have confirmed the same.

Overture 30.—From the Synod of Oklahoma, on the change of name and boundaries of certain Presbyteries; it was voted that the proposed changes be granted and that the Presbytery of Cimarron henceforth be known as the Presbytery of Enid; also, that the Moderator of the former Presbytery of Cimarron be appointed as the Convener of the new Pres-

btery of Enid. We recommend that this action be taken by the Assembly.

Overture 41.—From the Presbytery of Jefferson, requesting that its name be changed from the "Presbytery of Jefferson" to that of the "Presbytery of New Orleans and Jefferson." The Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Overture 45.—From the Synod of California on the transfer of four churches from the Presbytery of San Joaquin to the Presbytery of San Francisco; the Committee recommends that the Overture be referred back to the General Council of the Synod of California with the request that they give full hearing to all parties interested and involved.

Overture (without any definite number), from the Presbytery of Arkville on the proposed boundary line of the presbytery, on the east. This Overture was found in order and approved, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

Overture 17.—From the Presbytery of Topeka, expressing its willingness to receive certain named churches from the Presbytery of Emporia, which Presbytery, with the permission of the synod of Kansas, seeks affiliation with other contiguous presbyteries. The Committee approves of the dissolution of the presbytery of Emporia, pending the signing of certificates in writing from the Presbyteries of Wichita and Leawards, and also from the Synod. Certain documents have not yet been filed with the stated Clerk, with these provisos the Committee recommends the Assembly's approval of this Overture.

Overture 31.—From the Presbytery of Pittsburgh (Welch), also requesting to be dissolved; the Committee finds the grounds for wishing dissolution in good form, and votes that dissolution become effective, when the details specified in the Overture be satisfactorily carried out according to the will of the Synods of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Meanwhile the Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the General Council, with authority to execute it.

Overture 39.—From the Presbytery of Grand Rapids, on affiliated Churches, requesting that an Overture amending the Form of Government, be sent down to the Presbyteries so as to "allow Independent or Community Churches to enjoy denominational fellowship in service, and oversight in administration." It was voted by our Committee that inasmuch as this matter might involve complications and implications as to the status of both the Churches and Ministers within the same Presbytery, causing misunderstanding and possible confusion, such action is inexpedient.

Turning now to the Blue Book, pages 18 and 19, concerning the Proposed Constitutional Amendments:

(1) In the Form of Government, chapter IX, section 2, it was voted by our Committee that instead of insisting that a "Majority" of the elders of any Church

judicatory, with the pastor, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The section shall be amended to read "one-third."

(2) In the Book of Discipline, sections 85-86-87, "to clarify existing procedure with reference to Complaints and Appeals," and in Chapter IX, sections 96 and 97, with reference to notices of appeal, it was voted that these Amendments be approved and recommended to this Assembly for affirmative action.

Also, in the Blue Book, pages 78 and 79, concerning a proposed new chapter in the Form of Government on Temporalities, it was voted by our Committee to adapt section "0" and recommend to the Assembly the new chapter, to be known as "Chapter XXVII," entitled "Of the Incorporation of the General Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries and Churches, and their members, officers and meetings, and of Church property."

As this completes our task, we thank you.

GEORGE L. ROBINSON, Chairman.

## Theological Seminaries Report Adopted

The following report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries was adopted:

The Committee has had before it the reports of the several seminaries and find them in excellent order.

The following changes and additions in faculty have been made, and we recommend their approval:

Lincoln Seminary—The election of the Rev. Ames Montgomery as president.

Lincoln Seminary—The election of Professor William Hallack Johnson as president.

The Seminary of San Francisco has transferred the Rev. J. W. Wishart from the Chair of Church History to that of Systematic Theology.

Bloomfield Seminary—The Rev. Henry J. Webber, D.D., as president.

Louisville Seminary—Has elected the Rev. Andrew Karr Rule to the Chair of Church History.

We further recommend the approval of the Trustees and Directors, as recommended in the reports of the seminaries, to the Assembly.

Dubuque Seminary, in the coming year, is to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. We rejoice greatly in this splendid event and recommend that the entire denomination take special interest in this celebration.

Lincoln Seminary is to be especially commended in its work among the colored brethren. We commend them most heartily in their campaign to raise a fund of \$250,000, which will secure an equal sum from the Rockefeller Foundation.

We have had referred to us Overtures Noe. 9, 11 and 28, and a special Overture from the Synod of California. Inasmuch as all these Overtures deal with the same general proposition and are of such important and far-reaching interest, your Committee recommend that no action be taken on these Overtures, but, instead, that the general substance

of them be referred to the Board of Christian Education for a careful survey and study of the matter therein contained and that they report their findings to the next General Assembly.

The Louisville Seminary of Kentucky ask for a change of name from the Louisville Seminary of Kentucky to the Louisville Seminary. We approve this recommendation.

The Committee has a deep and profound conviction that the most serious need of our denomination today is the recruiting of more young men for the ministry. If all of our seminaries were filled with young men, many of the problems that are agitating the church today would be solved. We realize that the overhead in several of our seminaries is entirely too great for the number of students. There are two solutions for this problem: First, the consolidating of some of our seminaries; secondly, the filling of them with young men preparing for the gospel ministry. We believe the latter suggestion is the best. We recommend, therefore, that the whole church keep constantly before the minds of our young men, in our churches and Sunday-schools, the claims of the gospel ministry, which will offer the best aid, in fact, the only solution of the problem of the home field and the vast foreign field beyond.

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The Magazine needs an eager person in each church to secure new and renewed subscriptions each year. Do not leave the Assembly without subscribing.

## Church with Saxophones

Felix Mironda is a lay commissioner from the Mexican Church of the Divine Savior, in Los Angeles. "Our church," says Mr. Mironda, has 400 members, with nearly 500 members in the Sunday-school. "We have a splendid building," says the Board of National Missions helped us secure, and we use it every day in the week. I wish the General Assembly could hear our saxophone orchestra — nothing but saxophones, 24 of them."



# Standing Committee on National Missions

The General Assembly adopted the following report of the Standing Committee on National Missions, except that the nominations for election go over to today under the rules:

Your Standing Committee on National Missions presents the following recommendations for your consideration and adoption:

## I. NOMINATIONS AND VACANCIES

(1) The Committee recommends that the distribution of membership suggested by the Board and approved by the General Assembly, namely, to consist of 15 Ministers, 16 Laymen and 17 Women, be amended to make the number in each class equal, namely, to consist of 16 Ministers, 16 Laymen and 16 Women.

(2) The Committee recommends that in accordance with the action of the General Assembly increasing the number of members of the Board to 48 and approving the revised basis of distribution of this membership by Regions:—

(a) The following be elected members of the Board in the Class whose terms of service expire in 1930:

Mr. Willis A. Boothe of Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Miss Elnor K. Purves of Princeton, N. J.  
 Rev. Edmund G. Rawson of Ardmore, Pa.  
 Mr. A. H. Whitford of Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Rev. Joel B. Hayden of Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Norman S. Lewis of Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Rev. Archibald McClure of South Bend, Indiana.  
 Mr. Evans Woollen of Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, D.D., of Omaha, Neb.  
 Mrs. L. S. Mitchell of St. Louis, Mo.  
 Rev. George E. Davies, D.D. of Tarentum, Pa.  
 Mrs. S. D. Wingate of Seattle, Wash.  
 Rev. Guthrie Speers of New York, N. Y.  
 Mr. Wilson B. Phraner of Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mr. C. H. Sudler of Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Wm. H. McKelvey of Pittsburgh, Pa.

(b) The election of Rev. Wm. L. McEwan of Pittsburgh, Pa., as a member in the Class of 1929, succeeding Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., resigned, be approved.

(c) The following be elected members in the Class of 1929:

Rev. George A. Buttrick, D.D. of New York, N. Y.  
 Rev. S. W. McKelvey, D.D. of Kansas City, Mo.  
 Hon. George B. Agnew of New York, N. Y.  
 Walter F. L. Johnson of Ossining, New York.

(d) The following be elected members in the Class of 1928:

Mr. Foster Dulles of New York, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Fred M. Paist of Wayne, Pa.  
 Mr. E. C. Sams of New Rochelle, N. Y.

(3) That of the total membership of the Board the six to be designated as Members at Large (in addition to the 42 members designated as Regional Representatives), be the following:

Mr. E. C. Sams  
 Mr. C. H. Sudler,  
 Mr. Wilson B. Phraner,  
 Rev. George E. Davies, D.D.,  
 Mrs. Fred M. Paist,  
 Mrs. S. D. Wingate.

(4) The Committee recommends that the following named persons be elected members of the Subsidiary Boards of the Board of National Missions as respectively noted as the Classes of 1930:

### BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, D.D.  
 Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, D.D.  
 Herbert K. Twitchell.

### BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR FREEDMEN

Rev. S. J. Fisher, D.D.  
 Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D.  
 W. A. Boothe

### BOARD OF THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND

Rev. Robert Scott Inglis, D.D.  
 Rev. E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D.  
 Roy M. Hart.

### WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. F. S. Bennett  
 Mrs. A. S. Crane  
 Mrs. D. Everett Waid.

## II. TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE RECORDS OF THE BOARD

The Treasurer's report and the records of the proceedings of the Board were presented to the Committee and by them examined, and it is recommended that the Assembly approve them.

### III. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1.—That the Assembly commend the Board for its remarkable achievement in raising during the year its large debt of nearly a million dollars. The first two years' operation after consolidation resulted in a deficit of \$968,644.87. To meet this obligation, the sum of \$1,035,566.84

was raised under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Whitford of Buffalo, a member of the Board and Chairman of its Debt Campaign Committee, Rev. E. Graham Wilson, the new Treasurer, and Dr. W. R. King, Secretary of the Division of Promotion. This left a margin over and above the principal of the debt, of \$87,021.97, this being sufficient to defray the cost of the campaign and pay the interest on the debt during the year. It is all a fine testimony to the devotion and generosity of the Presbyterian Church and its confidence in the Board. Your Committee also commends the Board for its policy inaugurated a year ago, of limiting its expenses to its receipts for the immediately preceding years, thus eliminating the possibility of debt in the future unless the Church again falls off in its gifts. In order to do this, it has been necessary to make heart-breaking reductions in its work, which it is hoped, will not have to be continued.

2.—The Committee regrets that the Board suffered a falling off in its receipts of \$191,243.45 during the past year. The Committee rejoices, however, that the Board has provided for this deficit through additional contributions and the use of certain emergency funds, and that the Board comes to the Assembly on its 125th Anniversary, entirely free of debt.

3.—That the Assembly deplore the expenditure of \$21,642, as interest paid on money borrowed, to enable prompt payment of Missionaries' salaries during the year, and earnestly commends to the Churches the policy of prompt remittance of all funds to avoid this wasteful and unnecessary expense in the future.

4.—That the Assembly make record of the fact that the Board of Church Erection has transferred its permanent and trust funds, to the Board of National Missions during the past year, and it is recommended that the Assembly again direct the other Boards to effect the transfer of their permanent and trust funds, as soon as it can be done.

5.—That the General Assembly make recognition of the Anniversaries occurring this year in the work of the Board, namely, the 125th anniversary of National Missions, the 50th anniversary of the Women's Work, and the 60th anniversary of Work in Alaska, and recommends an appropriate observance of these several anniversaries by all of these organizations within the Church, culminating in an inclusive Church Rally in November. The Assembly would impress upon the Churches the unique opportunity afforded by the celebration of these anniversaries for a constructive study of the contribution of the Church to the life of the Nation throughout these years, and urges upon the Pastors and the People that they make this an occasion of much study, setting aside a definite period of time for this purpose.

The Assembly further urges upon the Churches the adoption of the method suggested by the Board for realizing that part of the budget designated as the Anniversary Fund, namely, that at a Church Rally in November, every member and adherent of the Church be asked to give at least \$1.25 as a token of appreciation of 125 years of service on the part of the Church to America, and as an expression of desire that the work go forward.

The Assembly recognizes the Jubilee Year of organized Mission Work by Women and Young People, and expresses its gratitude to God for the outstanding contribution of these groups to the life of the Church in the past 50 years.

6.—Your Committee has learned with much gratification that the Board, through its Staff Officers, has been keeping in close touch with the situation in the flooded area of the lower Mississippi Valley, especially with the view of ascertaining the extent of the property damage to our Churches and the physical sufferings of that portion of our Presbyterian family.

While the full extent of the loss is yet unknown, we have learned that many of the members of our Churches in the area are now in refuge camps, having been bereft of their home and all their worldly possessions. Some of our Church Buildings have been swept away by the flood, and others have been damaged to such an extent they will have to be practically rebuilt.

The interests of these people must be the concern of the whole body of Presbyterians included in our Assembly, and it is the judgment of your Committee that the Assembly should take cognizance of the seriousness of the situation. We therefore recommend:

- That the Assembly authorize the Board of National Missions to convey to our Churches and People in the flood-stricken area, a message of love and sympathy, assuring them of our desire to enter into fellowship with their sufferings and hardships, pledging them our earnest prayers for safe deliverance and speedy rehabilitation.
- That the Board be authorized to acquaint the entire Church through its publicity channels with situations affecting the interests of our Churches and People in this area, requiring relief and assistance in rebuilding their houses of worship.
- That the Board of National Missions be authorized to make such exception to the regular rule pertaining to the extensions of aid for Church and Manse Buildings as may be necessary to enable them to meet the exigencies of this unparalleled disaster.

- (d) That the Board be authorized to present to the Church at large such appeals as the requirements of the situation may justify, for funds that may be made available and used exclusively for the relief and rehabilitation of our Churches and their members throughout the entire flood-stricken district.
- (e) That the General Assembly express its appreciation of the heroic manner in which the Presbyterian Hospital of New Orleans is providing medical treatment for a multitude of refugees from an area in which our Board of National Missions is endeavoring to establish the gospel. The limited resources of the hospital have been strained to the utmost in ministering in the Name of Christ, to those who have found it a haven of refuge. The call of the hospital for financial assistance in this emergency should not go unheard. Their generosity toward the flood sufferers should be matched by the other sections of the Church, which have been Providentially exempted from such a disaster.
- (f) That the Assembly recognize with gratitude the Christlike work of the American Red Cross to save life, and relieve suffering in the stricken areas, and urge our people and churches to give it their generous co-operation and support.

7.—In view of the widespread feeling on the part of those who are in closest touch with the American Indians, that there is a manifest injustice in the situation in that these Wards of the Government have no recourse to the Federal Courts, but can only appeal from any decisions in matters of person and property to the same Guardian who has rendered the decision in the first place, this General Assembly recommends that the Board of National Missions be authorized to call the attention of the Home Missions Council to this situation and see if faster due study, united action among the various denominations can be obtained, to urge Congress to take immediate steps to enact such legislation as will right this long-standing injustice.

8.—We recommend that the General Assembly urge the Board of National Missions to give as much time and attention as possible to the weak Churches, not merely in aiding them with money, but in giving such constructive leadership and program-building as will enable them to become strong and self-supporting.

9.—The Committee recommends the following amendments to Rules of the Division of Buildings and Property of the Board of National Missions:

**Rule No. 7—Extent of Aid**

RESOLVED: That there be added to the rule which now stands:

"Aid in all ordinary cases shall be limited to one-third of the cost of a new building or improvement, or structural repairs"

- 1. "Except in the case of the Manse Funds, from which loans may be made up to half the cost of the Manse."
- 2. Rule reading: "Loans with interest at 4% for manse buildings up to \$3,000" to read:  
"Loans with interest at 4% for manse buildings up to \$5,000."

**Rule No. 8—The Bond Plan**

RESOLVED: That Rule No. 8, The Bond Plan, be amended so that Serial Notes as well as Serial Bonds may be taken in connection with Loans from the Loan Fund.

The amended rule would then read:

"That where a church issues serial notes or bonds secured by first mortgage not in excess of 50 per cent of the value of a new building or improvement, the Board at its discretion may loan from the Loan Fund an amount equal to one-third of such serial note or bond issue, but not in excess of \$15,000, accepting as security for such loans, serial notes or bonds equal to the amount of the loan. The payment of a loan secured by serial notes or bonds shall not be made until the entire serial note or bond issue, excepting the amount taken by the Board, shall have been sold and the proceeds with other gifts applied on the cost of the new building or improvement.

- 1. A note or bond issue or mortgage securing a note or bond issue must not be in excess of 50% of the cost of the new building or improvement.
- 2. The mortgage securing such notes or bonds must be a first mortgage.
- 3. The Board at its discretion may take one-third of a Note or Bond issue after the other two-thirds are disposed of and applied on the building.

Loans can only be made from the Loan Fund. Such loans must be on church buildings. The Board cannot accept notes or bonds for manse buildings.

- 5. 10% of the amount of notes or bonds taken by the Board shall be paid annually.
- 6. Interest to be paid the Board on notes or bonds held shall be up to \$10,000. 4%, from 10,000 to \$15,000. 5%.

**Rule No. 11, Section No. 3**

RESOLVED: That Rule No. 11, Section No. 3, be amended by substituting for the words "one-fourth" the words "one-half," and for the words "second twenty-five per cent," the words "one-half of the remaining unpaid appropriation," and for the words "fifty per cent," the words "twenty-five per cent."

The rule as amended to read:

"In the case of churches that have filed copies of contract and a

satisfactory statement as to financial plans, the Board may pay one-half of its appropriation when a church has paid one-half of its share of the building. When three-fourths of the church's share has been paid the Board may pay one-half of the remaining unpaid appropriation; final payment, or twenty-five per cent, is to be made when that payment will discharge the church's obligation and free it from all debt, direct or indirect, except its indebtedness to the Board."

The Committee of National Missions recommends to the General Assembly that the present rules of the Board for the Division of Buildings and Property, with the above-mentioned amendments, be continued in force for one year.

RESOLVED: That this General Assembly express its appreciation of the 13 years' service of Dr. David G. Wylie, former Secretary of Board of Church Ereotion Fund and who today closes his work as Secretary of the Division of Buildings and Property of the Board of National Missions.

**BUILDING AID FOR REPAIRS OR IMPROVEMENTS**

In view of the fact that the Board of National Missions, through its Division of Buildings and Property, is receiving many applications that ask for financial assistance in making alterations and repairs, which often consist of painting, papering, plumbing, roofing, heating, atrect improvements, etc., and

In view of the fact that the income of the Board is not sufficient to give adequate assistance toward the actual erection of churches, manses, chapels and other buildings:

RESOLVED: That, pending any revision of the rules, the following be added to the existing rules governing the Division of Buildings and Property:

Appropriations for financial assistance in the alteration or repair of buildings shall be limited to improvements that are structural; that is, for improvements or additions to existing buildings made necessary to provide accommodations for increasing congregations and for the growing work of Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and other forms of Christian activity.

It is understood that the above does not apply to buildings owned or used by the Board of National Missions.

10.—That the General Assembly approve the work accomplished by the Women and Young People of our Church in Schools and Hospitals, and commends those engaged in this service for their fidelity and achievement, urging them to continue, in all their work of this character, the proper emphasis upon the evangelistic purpose of the Church.

11.—In the Division of Missions for Colored People during the year, one hundred thirty-eight schools were operated and five hundred churches supported. Out of these schools and churches must come very largely the teachers, both for the Public and Church schools. From them also, must come the Pastors for our Churches of this race. We note that out of 40,000 communicants in our churches, 30,000 are in the South and 10,000 in the North. During the year, over 1800 were added on Confession of Faith.

We commend this Division for its fidelity to the trust committed to it.

We commend the Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation in its cultivation of mutual confidence and better understanding between the races, and recommend its continued support by the Board.

12.—We recommend that:

(a) That the Board of National Missions through the Division of Evangelism, be authorized to conduct the Pre-Assembly conference on Evangelism in 1928.

(b) That the Division of Evangelism be instructed to carry on in co-operation with the Board of Christian Education, through a joint committee of the two agencies, the work of Evangelism and Life Enlistment, among the students in our schools and colleges. Initiative for the Evangelistic work to remain with this Division of the Board of National Missions.

(c) RESOLVED:

(1) That in view of the General Assembly's call to the Church to give herself to the work of Evangelism with sincere devotion during the present year, the General Assembly instruct the Board of National Missions to so extend the work of its Division of Evangelism that the purpose of the Assembly's call may be more fully realized.

(2) That the General Assembly urge Synods, Presbyteries, and Churches to give full and hearty co-operation to the Division of Evangelism in this extended program.

13.—We recommend that:

(a) That November be set aside for study of, and prayer and giving for, National Missions, one Sunday (preferably the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving) to be set aside as National Missions Sunday, at which time some phase of National Missions shall be presented in Church, Sunday School and Young People's Groups.

(b) That, in order that Churches may be kept in close touch with the various phases of the Mission enterprise, the Assembly recommend that every Church set aside one Mid-week Prayer Service, each month for conference and prayer on Missions, and that January 5, 1928, of the Week of Prayer, be set aside by the Church as a Special Day of Prayer for Missions.

(c) That the Sunday Schools be urged to observe as special National Mission days, the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving and Lincoln's Birthday, and Children's Day, by using the program prepared by and presenting the work of the Board, and taking an offering for the same.

(d) That the Assembly, recognizing the obligation resting upon the Church for the training of its children and young people in Missionary Education, service and giving, commend the program of the Board to this end to Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Directors of Religious Education, and urge their consistent co-operation in making it effective in their several Churches.

(e) That the Assembly express to the Rev. Dr. Wm. R. King, who has resigned as one of the Board's Secretaries, its very hearty appreciation of his valuable services in the Missionary Work of the Church through the eight years of his service in the Board, and extends to him its very cordial wishes for an enlarged and richer service in his new field as Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council.

#### V. OVERTURE

With respect to Overture No. 18 from the Presbytery of Lehigh, the Committee recommends that no action be taken since the Overture is based upon a misapprehension of the facts—no such rule of the Board of National Missions as that complained of, being in existence.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH K. WALKER, Chairman.

#### Report of Committee On Resolutions Adopted

The General Assembly adopted the following report of the Committee on Resolutions:

The 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., should to conclude its session, desire to pay a tribute of praise to the City of San Francisco, the Convention City. Certainly no other city is more adequately equipped to entertain a great assembly. Its hills, its bay, its lakes, its wealth, its commerce, its industry, its splendid hotels, its courteous and generous citizens, all contribute to make the City of the Golden Gate a unique and desirable convention city. Therefore, your Committee would submit the following resolutions:

1. That the General Assembly express its heartiest thanks to Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and his Official Family for the cordial and wholehearted welcome extended to the Assembly shown by the presence and splendid speech of welcome of the Mayor, for the free use of the Auditorium, by the daily illumination of the City Hall and the beautiful floral welcome in Golden Gate Park.

2. That the General Assembly express sincere thanks to the citizens of San Francisco who have spared neither money nor effort to make our stay in their midst, pleasant.

3. That our profoundest gratitude be extended to the Calvary Church, the host of the Assembly, to the Presbytery of San Francisco, to Dr. Van Nuys and all those associated with him on the committee arrangements; also to the Hospitality Committee and all other committees which have served so well to make this a truly happy and great Assembly.

4. That we commend the proprietors and managers of the hotels who have left nothing undone to make our Commissioners and their friends both comfortable and happy during our stay.

5. That the press of the city be thanked for its generous reports of our doings and its liberal space given to advertise our meetings.

6. That we express our appreciation for the many courtesies extended to our Commissioners by

all the railroads used. They left nothing undone for our comfort and safety.

7. That we thank and commend the Moderator for his arduous work and wise decisions throughout the Assembly.

8. That we express our continued appreciation for the able service of our Stated Clerk during the Assembly and throughout the year.

9. That we heartily thank the treasurer, Mr. W. J. Hamilton, and his associates for their patience and faithful services.

10. Above all else, that we thank our Heavenly Father for His protecting and friendly Presence throughout our deliberations: For the Spirit of Christian Love that has characterized this Assembly, and which promises to send us back to our several places of service determined to be better co-laborers in the Master's Vineyard, and to covet each for the other that great Benediction—Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant.

W. B. Greenway, Chairman.

#### See This Masterpiece

Commissioners are invited to see that most widely reproduced masterpiece of modern Christian art, an free exhibition in Gramp's Store, on Post Street, one block from the St. Francis Hotel, walking towards the bay.

The painting is the original Hoffman's "Christ in Gethsemane," representing the moonlight vigil of the Master, in prayer with hands outstretched on the bramble-bordered rock in the garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. In the dim background the sleeping disciple may be discerned.

The painting was rescued at the time of the San Francisco fire 21 years ago. Thousands view it every month.

#### Get Your Letters

Many letters to commissioners and visitors remain uncalled for at the postal station in the corridor.

#### Lost and Found

Many lost articles have been recovered which may be claimed at the Information Bureau.

## Earthquake Damages Boys' School

Rev. W. Reginald Wheeler announced today that word had been received by the Board of Foreign Missions of an earthquake in Santiago, Chile which has damaged the buildings of Instituto Ingles, the Presbyterian boys' school in that city. A new site has already been secured for the school. An appeal is now being made for funds for the new buildings that must be erected on this site, to take the place of property rendered unsafe for continued use. It is estimated that \$200,000 is needed for the new plant.

The request of this school is included in the united appeal of the interdenominational campaign for Protestant schools and colleges, and certain co-operative work in South America called Educational Advance in South America. Through this campaign the sum of \$2,530,000 is being sought. During the year more than \$650,000 has been given in the campaign. The effort will continue during the coming year.

Moderator Robert E. Speer is chairman of the General Committee, and Bishop W. F. Oldham of the Methodist Episcopal Church is chairman of the Executive Committee.

#### See Miss James about China Work for Young Women

This article is addressed especially to young women of the Presbyterian Church.

The church of God is now entering upon the greatest and the most critical era of its long history. It is face to face with problems and perils, with opportunities and privileges such as it has never met before. There is a call of God sounding throughout the land for earnest, strong consecrated young women, as well as young men, to enlist in the service of the Lord.

The Presbyterian Training School of Philadelphia has an exhibit in the extreme southeast corner of Larkin Hall. Elizabeth A. James, who is in charge, will be glad to give information to any who may be interested.

The demand for trained leaders such as directors of religious education, pastors' assistants, community workers and deaconesses, is greater than ever before in the history of our church. Pastors and laymen who know of young women interested in training for Christian leadership will please see Miss James.

#### Information Bureau Has City Travel Desk

Attention is called to the General Information Bureau placed in the lobby at the main entrance of this building for the convenience of all commissioners and visitors. Through the courtesy of the American Express Company, a city travel desk is part of this bureau—open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Any questions relating to points in and about San Francisco will be answered here. Sight-seeing trips at special Assembly rates have been arranged, and information will be supplied regarding hotels, railroads, private cars and travel.

Please be as patient as possible—there are several thousands to be served.

After the Assembly reservations may be obtained at the American Express Travel Bureau, St. Francis Hotel, or Second and Market Streets.

#### Overtures Voice Spiritual Concern of Church at Large

General Assembly adopted the following:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would recommend that Overtures Nos. 1, 12, 25, and 27, be answered as follows:

These overtures voice the spiritual concern of the church at large for a new day of consecrated individual and united effort in bringing the world into personal relationship with our Lord and Savior and all the human activities of life under His control.

We recommend, therefore:

First—That the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be requested to issue to the churches a letter on the state of religion and the need of a spiritual awakening, to the end that our church may give itself to prayer, repentance, consecration and obedience to the personal leadership of our Lord:

Second—That the Moderator be requested to appoint a special committee of the General Council to confer with the Board of National Missions, Foreign Missions, and Christian Education, with instructions definitely to carry out the spirit and purpose of these overtures.

In re Overtures 15-19:

Recognizing through the Overtures sent to the Assembly last year and this, that some dissatisfaction exists in the church because of competitive instead of co-operative action in securing the budget of the church, the Assembly expresses its appreciation of the growing spirit of co-operation, and in keeping with the action of the Assembly, 1926, and with the results achieved, wishes to recommend:

1. That all agencies of the church unite in spirit and action in promoting the plan of one agency to which shall be committed the primary responsibility of securing the authorized benevolence budget of the church.

2. That all promotional programs and appeals to the church for the current budget be submitted to the General Council for the purpose of effecting their complete coordination.

#### Get Your Railroad Tickets Validated

All return railroad tickets must be validated. Railroad clerks will be found in the front corridor of the Auditorium.

**Decisions on Judicial Cases**

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ing the action of Parkersburg Presbytery in receiving Rev. Warren Sage Stone, D.D., and in placing in his hands a call to the Kanawha Presbyterian Church.

The papers in the case were filed with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and by him transmitted in due course to the Permanent Judicial Commission.

Edward M. Surber, Esq., appeared before the Commission as a complainant and on behalf of the other complainants; no one appeared for the respondents. It is to be noted, that the record does not contain a copy of the complaint of the minority members of the Kanawha Church to the Parkersburg Presbytery with respect to the action of the Church in placing in the hands of Dr. Stone the call to the Kanawha Church, but a copy of such complaint was presented to the Commission by Mr. Surber. It also may be stated that the records of the Presbytery and of the Synod are not stated or certified with that degree of formal accuracy which is to be commended.

The issue as made up and now presented to the Commission for determination grew out of a call of Kanawha Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Warren Sage Stone, D.D.

The pulpit of the Kanawha Church became vacant on October 1, 1924, by the resignation of the then pastor. A committee was appointed, at the instance of the Session and Board of Trustees, to recommend to the congregation a suitable and qualified minister for the pastorate.

For reasons not necessary to the decision of this case, the committee so appointed did not recommend such a qualified person; and subsequently a congregational meeting was called by the Session to convene on February 10, 1925, in which meeting the congregation voted by one hundred and five members to thirty-six to extend a call to Rev. Warren Sage Stone, D.D. This meeting was found not to have been called in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

The Session called another meeting of the congregation which was held pursuant to call on March 31, 1926, at which time by a vote of one hundred and sixty-six to fifty-one a motion was carried that a call be extended to Dr. Stone, this vote having been taken by a standing of the voters and not by ballot, though it is stated in the complaint that a written ballot had been asked for; Dr. Stone was the only person nominated to be voted for. No question seems in the record to have been raised as to the regularity of the call and of the meeting and Mr. Surber stated to the Commission that there was no such question.

It does not appear that any effort was made in this meeting to dissuade the congregation from prosecuting the call because of a large minority being averse to the call. (Form of Government Chapter XV, Section V) but a motion

was made to make the call unanimous, the vote upon which was one hundred and sixty-one to forty-one. It also does not appear that any action was taken with respect to the subscription and certifying of the call as provided for in Form of Government Chapter XV, Sections V, VI, VII.

In a meeting of the Parkersburg Presbytery held on April 19, 1926, a complaint of the minority members of Kanawha Church was presented, requesting that Presbytery refuse to place the call in the hands of Dr. Stone and that a committee of seven be appointed to consider the complaint, to take evidence and report their findings and recommendations; such a committee was appointed. An answer was filed by the majority, and these papers with personal statements by representatives of the parties concerned were considered by the committee.

The complainants alleged that the Committee on Vacant Pastorate was the party to recommend a minister to be voted for by the congregation; that a two month vacation was unnecessary for the parson of the church; and that it was most important that a person chosen as pastor should be in accord with the essential doctrinal standards of the church, as set forth in a deliverance of the General Assembly in 1910; that Dr. Stone was a "Liberal conservative" and a trustee of a theological seminary which was "liberal or modernistic" in its teachings.

The committee so appointed by the Presbytery reported that it had read with care the complaint of the minority and the reply thereto by a committee of the congregation, and had listened to supplementary statements of both parties and recommended that the call be placed in Dr. Stone's hands, counseling the majority to take a kindly and conciliatory attitude toward the minority, and to make every effort to worship and labor in harmony. The report of the committee was adopted by the Presbytery and the call was placed in Dr. Stone's hand and accepted by him.

An objection was made on behalf of the minority that the minutes of the second day's meeting of the Presbytery were not read at the close of the meeting. It seems to the Commission that the objection if otherwise considered, even if otherwise there might have been some irregularity in not having the minutes so read, for the complaint of the minority states what was done by the Presbytery in that day's meeting.

The minority then complained to the Synod, specifying practically the same grounds of complaint as were set forth in the complaint to Presbytery, asking that an opportunity should be given to them to prove before a Judicial Committee or a Judicial Commission of the Synod the truth of their specifications of complaint.

A Judicial Committee was appointed by the Synod which committee heard the parties and counselled with them and recommended to the Synod that the action of the Parkersburg Presbytery be approved. The complaint

to the General Assembly then followed.

The same general specifications of grounds of complaint are assigned, although somewhat more elaborately expressed. The Commission has not set forth the history and facts of the case in greater detail for the reason, as it views this case, this complaint does not set forth any ground for holding that the election of Dr. Stone as pastor of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church and the placing of the call in his hands was irregular, or unconstitutional. The complainants admit that the call for the meeting in which the election was held was properly and legally called, and the minister elected received a number of votes more than three times the number of the complainants.

Dr. Stone was a duly ordained minister of the gospel of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and in an election for the purpose of calling him to a pastorate of a particular church the question of his particular religious or theological views could not be raised as an objection to the validity of such an election, however much it might influence an individual voter in such election.

The judgment of this Commission is that the complaint be dismissed.

**Case Number Six**

**Complaint of Robert Scott Inglis and others Against the Synod of New Jersey**

In the matter of

The judgment of that Synod on a complaint against the Presbytery of Newark relating to the reception of Lester H. Clee.

The essential facts are the following:

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Newark held on February 9, 1926, the Committee on Examination reported that Rev. Lester H. Clee, a Baptist minister, to whom a call had been extended by the Second Church of Newark, had been examined and recommended that the examination be approved, that he be received and that, after he had answered the constitutional questions, his name be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Robert Scott Inglis presented a minority report disapproving of the favorable report of the majority. A motion to adopt the Committee's report was carried after a motion to adopt a substitute resolution proposed by Dr. Inglis had been lost. Thereupon, Mr. Clee, having answered affirmatively the constitutional questions, was declared a member of the presbytery, his name was added to the roll, he accepted the call from the Second Church and arrangements for his installation were made. Dr. Inglis then gave notice of his intention to appeal to the General Assembly from the presbytery's action in admitting Mr. Clee to its membership.

At a meeting of the presbytery held on March 10, 1926, in which all the complainants participated, a motion to reconsider its action in receiving Mr. Clee was unanimously adopted and the whole

matter referred back to the Committee on Examination.

At a meeting of the presbytery held on June 9, 1926, Mr. Clee having read a statement of his faith, a resolution that his enrollment in the presbytery be re-established and the call from the Second Church be placed in his hands was adopted. Thereupon Dr. Inglis gave notice of an appeal to the Synod of New Jersey. The call having then been placed in Mr. Clee's hands he accepted and arrangements for his installation were made.

Dr. Inglis and others entered a complaint to the Synod against the presbytery's decision made on February 9th in receiving Mr. Clee and another complaint against its action taken on June 8th in re-establishing his enrollment. In each instance the complainants were at least one-third of the members recorded as present when the decision was made.

The Synod dismissed the second complaint on the grounds that, Mr. Clee having been enrolled on February 9th, the action of reconsideration on March 10th and the action of enrollment on June 8th were no effect.

The Synod found the first complaint, but the one against the action on February 9th in order and referred it for adjudication to its judicial commission by which it was dismissed.

Against this dismissal the complaint herein is made.

On the foregoing facts we find as follows:

1. The reception of Mr. Clee into the presbytery was not consummated by the decision of the presbytery on February 9th for the reason that, a complaint to Synod against the decision having been entered "by at least one-third of the members recorded as present when the decision was made," the execution of the decision was "stayed until the final issue of the case by the next Superior jurisdiction." (Book of Discipline, Section 86.) The next action of the presbytery, assented to by all the complainants, namely the action of March 10th, in reconsidering and referring the whole matter back to the Committee on Examination, eliminated the complaint by eliminating its subject matter, namely the decision of February 9th, and of course ended the stay.

2. The effect of such elimination was that, when the presbytery took up the matter on June 8th, it did so de novo. Again it decided to enroll Mr. Clee. The execution of this decision to enroll was again stayed by a complaint. This second complaint was dismissed by Synod. By this dismissal the stay was ended and the reception of Mr. Clee into the Presbytery of Newark consummated for the reason that this dismissal has never been complained of, the complaint herein being only against the affirmation by the Synod of the presbytery's action on February 9th.

Accordingly, the subject matter of the complaint herein having been eliminated by the presbytery's reconsideration on March 10th of its action taken on February 9th, there is nothing before this Permanent Judicial Commis-

sion for adjudication and the complaint is dismissed.

(Mr. Emmons of the Synod of New Jersey did not participate in this case.)

### Case Number Seven

Complaint of the Rev. Achille Cremonesi, D.D., of the Presbytery of Carlisle against the same Presbytery.

This case was before the General Assembly in 1923 and was then referred to the Presbytery of Carlisle for action. The Presbytery of Carlisle took action according to the instruction of the General Assembly.

The complaint was, however, still dissatisfied and again complained to the General Assembly in 1924, 1925 and 1926, upon each of these occasions he failed to appear to prosecute his case and no action was taken on the case.

The complaint has again been sent to this General Assembly, but the complainant has failed to appear to prosecute the case.

Therefore the complaint is here-with dismissed.

(Dr. Duff, being a member of the Judiciary complained of, did not participate in this case.)

### Nominations for Judicial Commission

Following is the report of the Committee on Nomination of Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission:

The Committee on Nomination of Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission beg to present the following nominations for the class of 1927-30:

#### Ministers:

Rev. John E. Bushnell of Minnesota.

Rev. Charles Welch of Kentucky.

Rev. W. B. Love of Ohio.

#### Ruling Elders:

Hon. Nelson H. Loomis of Nebraska.

Mr. Roy M. Hart of New York.

J. D. BURRELL, Chairman.

HARMAR DENNY, Clerk.

### Urges Dr. Scanlon's Work be Carried on

The following, offered to the Assembly, was added to the Moral Welfare part of the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education:

"That Synod, recognizing the heroic work done by the late Dr. Charles Scanlon, who as director of the Department of Moral Welfare inaugurated five national motion picture conferences, and on July 5, 1925, with others, founded the Federal Motion Picture Council in the United States, for wholesome motion pictures throughout the world, urges the General Assembly of this year to take such action as shall make sure that the work inaugurated by former Assemblies and Dr. Scanlon shall be carried on to a successful completion."

This is to certify that above resolution is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the California Synod sitting in the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California, May 23, 1927.

WILLIAM S. YOUNG,  
Stated Clerk of Synod of California.

### National Missions 125th Anniversary

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erally had made further gifts, so that the Board came to the Assembly absolutely free from debt.

Furthermore, said Dr. Marquis, unless the giving of the church developed a further slump, the Board would not be in debt at the end of the current year, for it was basing all of its budget on the actual receipts of the previous year, expectations to which it had a right.

Dr. Marquis expressed regret over the retirement of Dr. David C. Wylie, and appreciation of his many years of fidelity in the work of the Board. Regret was also expressed over the resignation of Dr. W. R. King, and similar tribute was paid to him.

Secretary Marquis emphasized the gravity of the flood situation in the South, where much of the work of churches and Sunday-schools under the Board had suffered. There was crying need, he said, for special contributions in that devastated field.

On the whole, the Board had had a good year, despite severe cuts in the budget and in the work. A total of \$395,000 had been lopped off the budget. The Board now had 7,463 mission enterprises. The percentage of accessions in the home mission churches was about twice that of the church at large. The most successful churches everywhere were the home mission churches.

He urged the General Assembly and the constituent churches to get behind the movement for evangelism with all that was in them. There was great need of revival. The youth of today was subject to such temptations as never before. The autos, movies, radio, were among the modern distractions and fascinations which were diverting attention to material things. It had never been so hard as now for the soul of mankind to keep in touch with the spirit of God. The age was in a process of externalization, materializing the generation as never before. The temptation for Sunday auto riding, for example, was not the fault of the youth. It was the fault of the daddies, egged on by the mammas. But it was up to the elders to help the youth to withstand modern temptations and all the fascinations of the current day. The only thing to do was to bring them spiritualization, strengthen their souls to withstand evils, no matter what they faced.

The present Board of National Missions was the product and growth of a revival of 125 years ago. The need of today was a great spiritual appeal. Men spoke of the anti-Christian movement in China. There was just as much an anti-Christian movement in the United States. An organized attack on Protestantism was in progress through the forces of the liquor traffic, militarism and others. Dr. Marquis fervently urged the entire membership of the church to devote its best energies toward a nation-wide development of the spirit of evangelism.

### Next Assembly Will Meet in Tulsa, Oklahoma

The General Assembly unanimously voted that the session of next year would be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### Women Have Wonderful Time

The women visitors attending the General Assembly had the loveliest sort of a time yesterday when they accepted invitations to a drive on the East side of the Bay. A delegation of women enthusiasts visited the editor of General Assembly Daily News just as this paper went to press, this morning, and urged him to stop the press to get in a word of tribute to the hostesses who had rendered such perfect hospitality.

The editor is convinced from what the delegation told him that every phase of the entertainment accorded was done in every particular just as would be expected from such perfect hostesses as the women of the San Francisco region have proved to be.

In addition to the beautiful drives, there was informal entertaining, with refreshments most daintily served, and everything as charming as it could possibly be, with all the social niceties so dear to feminine hearts.

### Nominations by Finance Committee

The Standing Committee on Finance presents to the General Assembly the following nomination to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly: Ruling Elder—Harden L. Crawford of New York City.

And, for Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work for a term of three years:

Rev. John B. Laird, D.D.

William E. Carnochan.

Ray M. Eise.

CLEMENT H. COCHRAN,  
Chairman.

### Notice to Next Assembly On Princeton

For the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. William O. Thompson presented the following to General Assembly.

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the General Assembly to be convened in May, 1928, a resolution will be proposed for adoption arrogating the Plan of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at Princeton, N. J., adopted by the General Assembly in the year 1811 and all the amendments and additions thereto and all the by-laws, rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof.

### Three Cheers for Ushers and Pages

The editor of General Assembly Daily News wishes to bear his personal testimony to the excellence of the work done at the General Assembly by the corps of ushers. The San Francisco ushers have been on the job early and constantly. This has greatly facilitated the distribution of copies

of reports of committees, General Assembly Daily News and other official printed matter. It has been a great comfort throughout the Assembly to have such reliable service.

The boy pages of San Francisco were an innovation. They proved to be so valuable that page service will probably be an indispensable part of future assemblies.

### For Membership on General Council

The following nominations were made for membership on the General Council:

#### Class 1928

Rev. John W. MacIvor, vice Dr. S. S. Estey.

Mr. Fred B. Shipp, vice Mr. Ralph W. Harbison.

#### Class 1930

Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, D.D.

Rev. Mark A. Matthews, D.D.

Mr. W. M. Cosby.

Mr. George C. Barber.

Mr. S. Frank Shattuck.

### Two Sets of Three Brothers

In attendance at the Presbyterian General Assembly meetings are two sets of three brothers, all busily engaged in Presbyterian pastorates in California.

To complete the coincidence they are sons of Presbyterian ministers.

Rev. L. B. Cross of Alabama is proud of his three ministerial sons, Rev. Robert Cross of Pleasanton, Rev. Laurence L. Cross of Berkeley and Rev. Frank M. Cross of Los Angeles.

Three sons of the late Rev. O. A. Elliott of Los Angeles are enjoying a family reunion here. They are Rev. Alfred Elliott of San Diego, Rev. Newell J. Elliott and Rev. Paul Elliott, both of Los Angeles.

### Excellent Newspaper Tells of Colored Work

Dr. J. L. Hollowell, of Statesville, North Carolina, is representing as correspondent and agent The Afro-American Presbyterian, published in the interest of Presbyterian work throughout the colored synods. This paper is published on the Johnson C. Smith College press, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

### Telegrams Await

Telegrams for people at General Assembly remain unclaimed. They may be found posted on the Bulletin Board.

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## Final Session of General Assembly

When the General Assembly at its final session Wednesday morning had listened to the reading of the minutes for Tuesday, some question arose as to the item covering the action concerning the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission in Case 1. Reference was made to parliamentary confusion which had attended consideration of this particular case.

Moderator Speer addressed to the Assembly a frank and fervent statement of his own state of mind concerning this matter. He said that he felt that mistakes had been made on all sides, freely admitted his own, and asked forgiveness. He considered that attempts to open up the matter anew might result in leading the Assembly into deeper water. He therefore earnestly suggested that it all be left to the Lord. Dr. Speer put the whole matter on a deep spiritual basis and made a most profound, in fact solemn, impression upon the Assembly.

The effect was the adoption of the minutes, including the item about Judicial Case 1, by an unanimous vote.

A resolution was suggested from the floor to the effect that this decision in Case 1. Reference was made to the assembly being construed as calling into question the faith of the Assembly concerning the Virgin Birth.

Moderator Speer immediately responded by quoting the Apostles Creed. As he uttered the passage committing the speaker to faith in the Virgin Birth, all of the commissioners rose to their feet, and the mover of the resolution stated that he accepted that as the Assembly's unanimous vote for that portion of the Creed.

Many expressed the feeling that the Moderator's faith in God and in God's guidance, so deeply uttered, had carried the Assembly through what threatened to be a most trying ordeal.

On motion following a suggestion of the Moderator the Assembly committed to the General Council the task of studying carefully during the year the form of procedure in the consideration of judicial cases, to report what changes, if any, should be made, at the next General Assembly, since the parliamentary tangle of the day before had arisen largely because of the fact that this was the first time the new and difficult rules had been acted under. The new rules were designed originally to protect the

rights of minorities and dissenting opinions.

The Assembly elected various nominees, in accordance with the lists of nominations as printed in General Assembly Daily News of June 1, to membership on the Permanent Judicial Commission, the General Council, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustenance; also a trustee of the General Assembly, and trustees of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The major part of the session was devoted to the Board of Foreign Missions. The entire Assembly rose to its feet as a token of appreciation of and affection for Robert E. Speer as senior secretary of that Board.

A period of prayer accompanied the reading of the list of those who had died in the foreign mission service during the year, with particular utterance concerning Dr. John E. Williams, who was martyred in China last March.

It was stated that there were at the Assembly 25 Presbyterian missionaries from China, representing every one of the eight Presbyterian missions in that country. The following statement was read as expressing the convictions of our missionary leaders in China:

A new era of mission work in China is dawning. Civil war, aggravated by outside propaganda, has overturned the social, economic, and political organization of the country. Much mission work is being interrupted. Due to local disturbances and home government orders missionaries from the interior have been called to port cities and some have returned to America. Because of this situation there has arisen in the home church anxiety and concern regarding the future of the mission cause in China. Therefore we, as a group of missionaries, attending the General Assembly in San Francisco, feel we owe to the church a statement of our convictions regarding mission work in China.

FIRST: Irrespective of circumstances we have our marching orders. We have been commissioned by Christ and we must go forward with Him. We acknowledge interruption, but not defeat. Extraordinary occasions call for heroic action, and prompt and adventurous adjustments. The situation is a challenge to the missionaries and to the Church for even greater effort. The history of the Church gives many situations of similar nature. Times of great stress have always been followed by forward movement. The outlook after the Boxer Movement in 1900 was dark in the extreme. But, in the six years after that crisis greater progress was made in

mission work than in the whole century previous.

SECOND: The situation in China has greatly increased the opportunities and obligations of Christian Missions because: (a) Contact with other nations and the Renaissance have widened the horizon of the Chinese people; supplanted biased prejudice with open-mindedness; created a sense of need and a willingness to seek and accept help in meeting such need; created a desire for national unity; and most of all, released dynamic forces of desire and demand which should be seized and directed toward the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. (b) The constant increase of commercial and other contacts between the West and China correspondingly increase the need for the contacts of Christianity. (c) China has a great determination to take her rightful place in the family of nations. The far-reaching influence of which no man can measure. (d) As a Church we are honorably bound to continue the program launched in good faith. To desert the Christian forces in China today would be fatal.

There seems to be a widespread impression that missionaries have left their work because of opposition on the part of the Chinese Christians. Such is not the case. Missionaries vacated their stations at the explicit advice and demand of our government representatives, who were fearful of international complications such as occurred in the Nanking incident. Since the Chinese government could not adequately protect from possible mob violence it seemed best for the work and all concerned to temporarily withdraw from places where there is not yet a settled government.

The Chinese Church has no desire to be rid of missionaries who can readily adapt themselves to changed conditions under which they must necessarily work. Leaders of the National Christian movement and Chinese Church courts have given every assurance that missionaries will be required for the successful continuation of the Christian work in China. This is evidenced by the following statement from a mass meeting of Chinese Christians held in the city of Shanghai, February 6, 1927:

"We wish to express to them (missionary co-workers) our deep appreciation of the noble work which they have been carrying on in China, to assure them of our continued trust and affection and to record here with our conviction that they have a permanent and fruitful place in the service of Christ among our people."

The goodwill of the masses of the Chinese people is evidenced by numerous instances in which both Christians and non-Christians have

risked their lives to protect missionaries in times of danger. Especially was this true in Nanking. Most of us have been assured by personal Chinese friends that they earnestly and sincerely desire our return to the work when conditions permit.

We missionaries stand ready to go back as soon as the way is clear. There is no thought of retreat or of giving up the cause to which our lives have been consecrated. Opportunities for Christian service in China have not ended. We stand at the beginning of a new era with possibilities and opportunities unparalleled in the history of the Christian Church, and we look in confidence to the home Church for renewed devotion in loyalty to her vision of China won for Christ.

The above statement was drawn up by a Committee elected by a group of 33 China missionaries, coming from 39 provinces and representing every one of the eight China missions in which the Presbyterian Church has work.

(Committee)

A. J. FISHER, D.D., of Canton,  
Chairman

H. G. ROMIG, Shantung,  
GEORGE C. HOOD, Anhwei,  
E. W. LUCOCK, Shanghai,  
GEORGE T. TOOTELL, M.D.,  
Hunan.

Dr. Speer made a most eloquent address concerning the entire cause of foreign missions, and the Assembly voted that the Board be requested to publish it and send copies to all ministers and elders.

The following resolutions were adopted from the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Resolution No. 1 (with reference to atheism)—This Committee moves that we express our sympathy with the purpose of the resolution, and recommend that it be referred to the committee to which has been committed the evangelistic program of the year.

Resolution No. 3—Be it resolved that this General Assembly again asserts its positive conviction of the abiding value of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and its unalterable opposition to its repeal or its nullification;

Second: That this Assembly deplores the lack of conscience on the part of many people generally regarded as upright and worthy citizens, who in their intimate social relations, use liquor as they please;

Third: That this Assembly calls upon every citizen to obey the law and to render all possible assistance in securing its enforcement.

Resolved: That the General Assembly takes note of the fact that a chief denial of our Christian faith lies in the hostile attitudes of

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## Standing Committee on Foreign Missions

The General Assembly adopted the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions as follows, with the exception that the third paragraph under No. 3 relating to provision for pensioning foreign missionaries was referred to the General Council with the suggestion that home missionaries also be similarly considered:

The recommendations of the Standing Committee are as follows:

1.—That the Committee, having examined the Minutes of the Board, recommends that they be approved, with special commendation of the fine form in which they are presented.

2.—That the financial report of the Board be approved and the Assembly record its appreciation of the fact that in a year marked by heavy demands in other fields of church activities, the work of the Board has largely held its own. The Assembly notes, however, that the Foreign Board ended the fiscal year 1926-1927 with a deficit of \$129,561.97; that consequently the Board has not been able to grant increases in missionary salaries needed and requested by a majority of the missions, and has not been able to meet appealing needs in many fields. This deficit and these current needs can be met if the church will give the full budget approved for foreign missions for the present fiscal year and the Assembly appeals for such gifts.

3.—That the General Assembly approve the action of the Board in joining in the New Service Pension Plan in behalf of the foreign missionaries under the modifications agreed upon between the Board of Relief and Sustentation and the Board of Foreign Missions, in order to make the plan applicable to the whole body of the Church's missionaries.

That the Assembly approve the discontinuance as from this meeting of the Assembly of the Board's present plan of Retirement with the understanding that the Board will continue to care, as at present, for all the missionaries now on the Honorably Retired Roll. That in the case of regular missionaries in the active service of the Board between March 6, 1922, when the Board's Retirement Plan was adopted, and the meeting of this General Assembly, the Board is authorized to hold itself ready to provide the full amount promised in the Board's Retirement Plan by adding such supplemental payments as may be necessary to the benefits of the new Service Pension Plan in order to meet the guarantee of the present Retirement Plan, but that all such missionaries are requested to waive the provision in view of the larger general benefits (disability and widow insurance) not provided by the Retirement Plan, but included in the new Service Pension Plan.

That the Foreign Mission amount in the Benevolence Budget approved by the General Council and the General Assembly, should be increased by the amount that may be required to provide for these missionaries.

4.—That the Assembly express to the Secretaries of the Board, its hearty appreciation of their devoted service during the year, and especially to Dr. Robert E. Spoor, the Moderator, who for over a generation has served the Church at home and abroad with such conspicuous ability and devotion.

5.—That the following be elected to serve as members of the Board for the term 1927-1930:

Rev. John F. Carson, D.D.  
Miss Alice M. Davison  
Mr. Dwight H. Day  
Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D.  
Mrs. John H. Finley  
Mrs. Henry K. Gillmore  
Mrs. Minot C. Morgan  
Rev. Robert R. Littell, D.D.  
Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.  
Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D.  
Miss Jean MacKenzie  
Mr. John L. Severence  
Mr. W. P. Stevenson.

6.—That the Churches emphasize the missionary training of the youth of the Church and thus further the work of the Young People's Department of the Board in preparing the coming generation to assume its full responsibility for the work of Foreign Missions.

That in recognition of the desire of many in the Church to devote their gifts to specific objects that the Assembly approves the Board's policy of providing opportunity within the budget for the support of missionaries, of mission stations, and of particular property objects, in accordance with the custom of the Board.

That the Assembly urge all Sunday Schools to continue to make special offerings to the Board of Foreign Missions on the Sunday nearest Christmas and at Easter, and that the Board co-operate by furnishing programs to be used on these days.

That all the Churches be urged to make use of the Mission study books of the year, in classes, groups, and especially schools of Missions,

the general subject this year being, "The Essential Missionary Character of Christianity."

That our pastors and sessions give especial attention to the missionary policy and program of the local Church, that under their leadership, every member of the congregation may be fully prepared to meet his or her share of the Presbyterian Church's distinctive responsibility for the evangelization of the world.

7.—In view of the fact that China, rent by civil strife, in working out her destiny, has entered into days of sorrow and tragedy in which Chinese Christians have displayed a spirit of loyalty to Jesus Christ unsurpassed in modern missionary annals, and our own missionaries there have exhibited a courage and devotion which remind us of the Acts of the Apostles, and as we believe that the religion of Christ is the only panacea for the woes of China, and the only hope of her salvation, individually and socially, the Assembly sends to our missionaries and the Christians of China an expression of our abiding love and sympathy and confidence; and the Assembly believes that it is expressing the deep feeling of the Church in making a solemn pledge to stand by China, to take up the work so rudely interrupted with greater faith and vigor than ever before, that, having put the hand to the plow, we will not look back until China glows with the light and love of Christ.

Further, that in reply to the message from the missionaries of China to the pastors and members of the Presbyterian Church in America, the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Church and missionaries of China.

8.—The General Assembly rejoices at the progress made during the past year in the interdenominational campaign in behalf of evangelical schools and colleges and certain co-operative enterprises in South America known as "Educational Advance in South America." It expresses the hope that the members of the Church will give generously to the institutions directly related to the work of the Presbyterian Missions for which appeal is made in this campaign, and the Assembly calls the attention of the Church to the progress already made and the needs for future help from the Church in the fields south of Rio Grande.

9.—The General Assembly is glad to have the report of the conference held Feb. 7, 1927, with representatives of the colored churches, concerning the appointment of colored missionaries to the West Africa Mission, and the action of the Board dated Feb. 21, 1927, instructing the candidate department of the Board to receive applications from candidates for appointment to this field. The Church desires to voice its gladness in the prospect of united service with the colored churches on behalf of the people of Cameroun.

10.—The 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, desires to express appreciation of the presence of Senor Eleazar Perez, Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, and through him extends to the sister church of Mexico, assurances of sympathy, of good will, and of constant remembrance in prayer.

11.—That the General Assembly expresses its conviction that the organized work of the Women of the Church is indispensable to the cause of World Missions, and reaffirms the action of the General Assembly of 1923 (See Minutes of 1923, p. 111, items 4-5) urging that everything be done to preserve the integrity of these societies.

12.—That the General Assembly expresses its gratitude for the increase in gifts and in membership of the Woman's Missionary Societies as reported at the first Nation-wide Biennial Assembly of these Societies, held in San Francisco, May 23, 24, and that it approve of the plans for further advance.

13.—That the Assembly pause in tender memory of those connected with the Board's work, who, during the year just closed, have been called to still higher service.

The memorial roll of the Board for the year 1926-27 includes the names of one member of the Board, four from the Honorably Retired List, seven from those in active service, and one former missionary. The names are as follows:

Member of the Board:

Rev. William Young Chapman, D.D., 1917-1926.

Honorably Retired:

China—

Mrs. John G. Kerr, 1873-1923. Died August 7, 1926.

India—

Rev. W. F. Johnson, D.D., 1860-1922. Died June 29, 1926.

Japan—

Mrs. John B. Hall, 1877-1922. Died March 11, 1927.

Mrs. George W. Van Horn, 1888-1922. Died March 11, 1927.

In Active Service:

Africa—

Mr. John H. Bradford, 1916-1926. Died Oct. 7, 1926.

Rev. Frank M. Gault, 1916-1926. Died Oct. 8, 1926.

China—

Rev. Maxwell Chaplin, 1919-1926. Died July 20, 1926.

Rev. John E. Williams, D.D., 1899-1927. Died March 24, 1927.

Chosen—

Rev. Jason G. Purdy, 1923-1926. Died May 17, 1926.

**Fermer' Missionary:**

China—  
Dr. Mary H. Fulton, 1888-1918. Died January 8, 1927.  
Siam—Dr. W. G. McClure, 40 years in Siam. Died in March.

14.—That in these days of trial in our Mission Field and of deep searching of hearts at home, the Assembly solemnly affirm its belief that there is but one name under heaven given among men whereby the world may be saved, and that it dedicate himself to stand behind the Board and the heroic Missionaries of the Cross, till at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Savior and Lord.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,  
STUART NYE HUTCHISON, Chairman.

# Southern Presbyterian Assembly

(From Our Staff Correspondent)

A committee appointed two years ago, presented to the Southern Presbyterian Assembly a complete revision of the Directory of Worship of the Church, and it was adopted. While there were many minor changes there was none that was radical, or that affected the general practice of the Church.

Another committee had been appointed to prepare a Directory of Reforms for such services as marriages and funerals, the communion, ordination of officers, etc. The committee recommended the adoption of the Book of Forms of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. This did not appeal to the Assembly and a new committee was appointed to report to the next Assembly.

A matter of interest in many meetings of this Assembly is the relation to the Federal Council of Churches. Two Presbyteries sent up overtures, asking the Assembly to withdraw from the Council. After a good deal of discussion, the Assembly declined to withdraw by a vote of 135 to 118. The objection made by those who favored withdrawal was that the Council frequently deals with political questions with which it is claimed the Church has nothing to do.

Last year a committee was appointed to meet with a similar committee of the United Presbyterian, to discuss the advisability of uniting these two churches. The committee reported that a number of joint meetings had been held, but that no decision had been reached. The committee was continued.

A communication was received from the Board of National Board of Missions, making complaint as to certain matters of comity between the two churches. The Assembly directed the Presbyteries to be very careful not to violate any of the principles of comity in receiving a church from or dismissing one to another denomination.

All of the departments of the work of the Church were reported in good condition, and a spirit of optimism was to be seen everywhere. It is expected that the coming year will show a decided advance in many ways.

The next meeting will be held in Atlanta.

The report of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief said in part:

"There is one matter that gives the Committee and the presidents and faculties of our theological seminaries and colleges great concern. Some of the candidates for the ministry and mission service, both men and women, have had little experience in handling money. They have not learned its value, nor have they developed habits of thrift and economy. In student days many avenues of financial help are opened up to them. Because of this some become free in their use of money which often leads into excessive debts. When ordained to the ministry, all sources of finances are cut off except the salary, which is often wholly inadequate, and interest on debts and further indebtedness brings discouragement and sometimes failure in the work.

"It is a striking fact that a majority of the ministers and missionaries come from homes poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith and idealism. Many of them must have financial aid. Our church has always made provision for this, but it has ever sought to so administer its help that no harm should be brought to the candidate.

"Increasingly this is becoming a delicate operation and the attention of parents, faculties, chairmen of committees in the presbyteries and the candidates themselves should be tenderly but faithfully called to the dangers which are recognized by all those who have made a careful study of this matter both in our own church and in the other denominations in America and in other lands.

"Through February there had been a slight increase each month in the receipts at the office. In March there came a great slump, causing a decrease of \$9,891.71 from living donors, as compared with the previous year. The Committee again faced the question of scaling the amounts forwarded to candidates and the aged and infirm ministers, and did reduce the amounts forwarded for work among the Presbyterian students in state institutions of higher education. It was decided to continue to borrow at bank enough to close the year without reducing the amounts promised candidates and the homes of our aged, infirm or deceased ministers. To do this a debt of \$36,527 has been carried over. This is caused by the serious decrease of \$19,023 in receipts from all sources and the granting of increased loans to candidates for the ministry and mission service amounting to \$7,082.34, and an increase of \$7,243.93 remitted to those on the rolls of Ministerial Relief.

"The General Assembly in the past has authorized its executive

agencies to plan expenditures on the same basis as receipts for the former year. Year before last we carried over a debt of \$32,629.53, and \$29,375.32 in 1926. We ask this Assembly for instructions for the future. This Committee is convinced that a mistake may easily be made in laying too great emphasis on the abstract ideas of stewardship and the budget. We believe with all our hearts in the principle of Christian stewardship and in the method of the budget, but the surest way to arouse interest in the work of the church is to put larger emphasis on the great human tasks committed to the followers of Christ."

—William S. Campbell.

## Visit Southern Missions

The Coale party, about 75 strong, started in Los Angeles en route to the Assembly. Members of the party describe with enthusiasm visits made to the various missionary enterprises in the southern part of the state—the work in the churches and homes of neighboring service among the Mexicans, and the Union Japanese Church. The party left the town at Lamy, New Mexico, and after visiting Santa Fe, engaged automobiles and visited the missionary station at Chimayo, about 45 miles north. At Albuquerque they attended the graduation exercises of Menard school for Spanish boys, conducted by the Board of National Missions. Leaving the train again at Gallup, they took the long detour by auto into Navajo land, visiting the mission superintended by Rev. Fred G. Mitchell at Granada.

## United States Lets Land Stay with Board

August 20, 1923, United States Commissioner Burke of Indian Affairs wrote Jose Manuel Yepa, first principal at Jemas, New Mexico: "So long as there is work of a religious and educational character to be done in Pueblo and there are Indians who take advantage of the benefits that the mission offers, the site will remain in possession of the Presbyterian Board."

"Although no legal title to the land has been granted, the title to the land is held on a lease dated from 1878 and was recently called in question by the Indians themselves. A service in the mission with 55 present was disturbed so that only five Indians had the courage to resent persecution and return to the meeting the next Sabbath. Other forms of disturbances have developed against Mr. Harper and his work there. However, recently three Indian women were received into the church membership on confession of faith.

The zeal of Mr. and Mrs. Harper in their work there is to be commended.

## Comes from a Land Of Contradictions

"New Mexico," says Dr. Rudolph Coughey, newly-elected syndical executive of that state, in attendance at the General Assembly, "is a land of contradictions. It has an area with more coal surveyed

than any like area in the United States; and yet the mountains are full of people who shiver over little wood fires. There are millions of feet of standing timber, but people live in mud houses. It is a land where Crosses can be seen at almost every turn of the road, but there is no place where the influence and spirit of the Cross are so little felt."

All of the deliberations of the legislature of New Mexico are carried on in two languages, "and there is no state," adds Dr. Coughey, "where the politics are rottener, unless it be Pennsylvania."

It is hard to realize that within the bounds of the United States there is an area of approximately 2,500 square miles without a physician, and yet Miss Mary Yeats, missionary nurse from New Mexico, describes such a territory. Miss Yeats is located at Dixon, among the Spanish-speaking Americans, and, with her machine kit in her saddlebag, rides a huckster's cayuse from plaza to plaza in the Rocky Mountain area which she serves. The great problem, according to Miss Yeats, is that of destroying century-old habits of bad sanitation and hygiene. The Board of National Missions maintains a little hospital at Dixon, which serves as a base of operation for the work of Miss Yeats.

## Where Little Children Toil in Beef Fields

"Few people realize the extent of the beef industry in Colorado," says Rev. Casimiro Romero, commissioner from the Presbytery of Fueblo. "And few realize," he adds, "the number of Mexicans which the industry employs. There are now a quarter of million acres in the state under cultivation, and each spring a flood of Mexicans pour up from the south to sow the seed, thin out the young plants, and then weed them as they grow to maturity. Children as young as seven and eight years work with their parents in the fields."

Mr. Romero is employed by the Board of National Missions as a missionary to these people. He visits them in the fields, distributes tracts and portions of the Scriptures and in every way acts as a friend to these strangers in a strange land.

## Ushers Serve in Spirit of Christ

Editor Assembly Daily News: We, the undersigned students and graduates of San Francisco Theological Seminary, having served as ushers at this 139th General Assembly, wish to thank you for the recognition of our services which we have tried to render in the spirit of our Seminary at San Anselmo on the coast.

We hope that you will see fit to publish this word as an expression of the willingness of our Seminary's students and graduates to serve the cause of Christ and His church in any way possible.

Ray N. Studt  
F. L. Raney  
Richard L. Waddell  
C. G. Carter  
J. L. Kent  
Hugh A. Huddleson  
Hugh B. Sutherland.



### Mrs. Charles K. Roys On Foreign Missions

Address of Mrs. Charles K. Roys at Presbyterian General Assembly popular meeting Tuesday night, May 31. Mrs. Roys was 16 years a missionary in Shantung, China, and is now one of the China secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Nearly a year, just completed, spent in travel from Tokyo to Cairo has revealed in all lands a new spirit of self-assertion. The war in which the West meets this spirit will, I believe, determine whether a war of the hemispheres, or a new civilization, enriched by the gifts of all the races, will result.

The role which America, the richest nation in the world and the most potentially powerful politically, will play in this world drama whose denouement is of such transcendent importance, cannot fail to concern thinking men and women.

So much half truth and untruth is abroad about the situation in China, it is well squarely to look at it, attempting accurately to appraise the problems, the power, the motives and methods of the new nationalism. For this long view is essential. To focus on isolated occurrences, or sections of the land, is to lose perspective.

Consider briefly what China is going through. Instead of dealing with great forces which other peoples have met one by one, China is actually passing through four major revolutions all at once! The literary renaissance which is attempting to break through the illiteracy of the masses. The political revolution which in a brief period has carried the country through greater changes than any other people has faced in several generations. Religiously, China is confused by the inrush of new ideas and conflicting influences. To all this, add the social upheaval in which the old foundations of life have been shaken and the whole social structure broken up. Did ever a single nation face such colossal problems? When we seek to pass judgment on her, by what criterion shall we do so? Where in history is there an analogy?

The issue concerns more than China herself. No other single problem of our day is so full of unaided possibilities for good or for evil for the whole world. Will these nations which have never been called on to pass through such a struggle, be true to the highest principles of their Christian heritage and deal with China in a spirit of sympathy and helpfulness? On this and this alone the whole question rests. Nothing but such a spirit can meet the present tense, perilous situation.

To many a time for speaking of sympathy and understanding has passed. Filled with the atrocious utterances and activities of the frenzied minority group of so-called nationalists which the best element in China discredits hotly, folk are saying that this is no time to talk of patience. Steel alone can speak now.

The happenings at Nanking have drawn the eyes of the world toward China. Certain truths are now

emerging which make the original picture less dark. These should be given as wide publicity as the first newspaper accounts of the tragedy. That it was deliberately planned by the rabid communistic group, is beyond doubt true. It was hoped to call forth foreign intervention and thus to feed the fires of resentment against the so-called imperialism of the West. What then, does Nanking mean? On all sides one is asked this question.

It meant to a small group of frenzied extremists, in the Kuomintang party, a chance to loot and steal and kill, not only with protection assured but with a liberal reward offered by Moscovite communists, who deliberately planned the destruction of all foreign life and property in Nanking. One is not theorizing in this matter; actual papers were found with the whole plot outlined.

It meant to those who believe China cannot be trusted to manage her own country, a strong argument for foreign intervention, and a pleasant "I told you so." Those who are sure God gave the whole world to the white race to possess and control, find in Nanking evidence of the great wisdom of the Almighty in so doing. Gunboats and foreign troops are plainly indicated as the prescription called for by Nanking. This group, whether in the International Settlement in Shanghai, or in our own country are horrified at the restraint of Great Britain and America. Loudly do they denounce the "insanity," the "subject cowardice" of our failure promptly to "act." How can the white race maintain her rightful place of dominance with governments acting as Great Britain and America are? As one of the Western officials in Shanghai said: "We'll maintain our Western prestige and power here until the streets and power here until the streets as this, Nanking means irrefutable argument for intervention.

God be thanked,—to the powers of Great Britain and America Nanking meant the opportunity for patience and forbearance. Seeing through the actually devilish plot of a corrupt few, they refused to follow a course which might inflict on a whole people punishment for the unrestrained madness of a few.

The gunboats and their firing under extreme necessity, gave certain propagandists the chance to circulate posters claiming that "2,000 were murdered in cold blood by the imperialists." Revenge posters were freely exhibited; but Chiang Kai Shek himself put a stop to this by announcing that only six Chinese civilians were killed.

Nanking means the silencing of all reports about a widespread anti-foreign spirit in China. The people of Nanking did not take part in the looting. An irresponsible mob urged on in some cases actually known, at the point of the demolition of property, completed the demolition of property. None of the fury of the people at large against the foreigners which characterized Boxer days was evident in Nanking. Those who went through that ghastly experience of Nanking are of one voice in acknowledging that they owe

their lives to the love and protection of Chinese, both non-Christian and Christian. In 1900 the friendly ones were the exception; today they are the rule.

What is Nanking meaning to clear-thinking world citizens everywhere? Nanking clearly reveals two elements in the nationalist movement. The extreme wing is actuated by Moscow; and imperils all China's chances at unity and peace; estranging many who were her friends. One believes unshakably that this wing is a minority, wholly discredited by the best of China's citizenship. The other wing is working on a sane, constructive program of national unity and progress; and is determined to throw off the evils of communism.

Those with eyes to see may clearly recognize in the emergence of this the most ancient of civilizations, the greatest drama of history. What China's well-wishers have longed for is coming to pass. Shall we be of those who, having come an easier path, take the long view, and give to China our sympathy and co-operation? If those who lost all their possessions and passed through the horrors of those days, have come out still believing in the Nationalistic Movement, who else dare utter despair?

I quote from the wife of Dr. J. E. Williams who gave his life, the supreme and divinely fitting expression of his confidence in and service to the young life of China: "No people on earth could have shown more devoted love and sorrow than the Chinese of Nanking. I have nothing but love in my heart and boundless hope for China."

Let us stop for all time the false word running like wild-fire through our church circles to the effect that the missionaries are no longer wanted in China. Consider that one-fifth of 1% of the population of China is in the Christian Church. How can such a small group undertake alone the task of making Christ known throughout the land? In certain sections the church is strong enough to take over work formerly carried by the mission; but missionaries thus released are sorely needed for new places. Whether China wanted or did not want missionaries would not affect the real issue,—the obligation of the Christian Church of the West to evangelize. But it so happens that the best of China's leaders DO want the missionaries. I give you verbatim their very words. The editor of the "Commercial Press" in Shanghai, the largest publishing house in Asia, a well-known educator and writer, Dr. Fong Sec says: "The present seems to be a dark hour for the Christian movement in China yet I believe this is only a passing phase. During this time of great upheaval and sweeping changes, when the minds of our young men are swayed by the tide of nationalism, we need the stabilizing power of Christianity as never before to guide our thinking and give fiber to our moral and spiritual life. This is not the time to withdraw the material and moral support of Christians of western lands,

For them to do so is to desert the cause of Christ at a very critical moment."

In Canton where the church is more ready with leaders to take over work and where radicalism has been rampant, the Church of Christ in China of which the Presbyterian Churches in China are an integral part, have requested that for the next ten years mission boards increase rather than diminish the number of their present force.

Is it thinkable that the Church of Christ in Western lands will leave unsheltered the vast number of loyal Chinese Christians, and the still vaster number of those who are turning to Christ and will turn to Him? One who was dragged out to be shot and repeatedly escaped miraculously at Nanking writes: "Don't be discouraged about China. Don't lose hope. We have God behind our enterprise. China desperately needs Christ. Christ greatly wants China. Missionaries are needed. Your prayers, your hopes are needed. The future of the Christian Church here is as assured as are the promises of God."

WHO dare in the face of such words from those who have given all to Christ's cause in China, raise the note of discouragement or suggest retreat?

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nations and races and in their preparedness and continued preparation for war. We recognize that the same Christian principles of love, service and mutual trust that we profess and seek to practice in individual relationships are equally applicable to the relationships of nations and peoples;

II. We call upon our ministers to give diligent study to the application of the gospel of Christ to the problem of war, and commend the government of the United States for its efforts toward the limitation of armaments and the peaceful settlement of all international disputes.

The Committee on Bills and Ordinures, convinced that the deepest interest of the church today is in an awakened spiritual devotion to our Lord and the promotion of evangelism throughout the world, requests the Moderator of this Assembly to set before the Assembly the spiritual objectives for the year, thus preparing our hearts and minds for the task to which we are soon to be summoned in an official letter from him.

At the conclusion of the necessary official routine details the 159th General Assembly was dissolved by the Moderator, and the 140th General Assembly will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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# The Presbyterians at the Golden Gate

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**P**RESBYTERIANISM came into America by the way of the Atlantic, through the Scotch, Irish and the Dutch. It has moved across the continent through the decades with measurably clear characteristics and has found a hospitable habitat on the Pacific Coast, whose California Synod is easily the most outstanding of all the forty-odd State units of the Presbyterian Church.

It was fitting that the 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church should have convened in San Francisco. This is the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the home missionary work of the Presbyterian Church, the fiftieth year of the organization of distinctive women's work, and the fiftieth year of the beginning of missionary work in Alaska. These three significant anniversaries made it particularly appropriate that the Pacific Coast, itself the last outpost of American Church extension and, in some ways, its finest flower of national missionary achievement, should become the host to this fine cross-section of American Christians. The Assembly never had a more hospitable host than the Golden Gate city, or more enjoyable sessions.

The General Assembly is a representative body of over 900 members, approximately half of them ministers and the other half ruling elders, elected to represent their constituencies in some 300 Presbyteries, with over 1,800,000 Church members. Although the Presbyterians are proud of their doctrine of the "parity of the clergy" or the equality of all its ministers, they are always proud when they choose their King. Think of it, a Presbyterian King in democratic America! Yes, a King. In order, however, that he and the world may know that he is only a temporary King, he is chosen for one year, given very limited powers, paid no salary whatever, and prevented by an unbroken tradition from ever becoming King again. Little peril even for democracy in that kind of a King!

**O**NE is justified in saying that in 139 years the Presbyterian Church never chose its King—the Moderator of the General Assembly—with more enthusiasm, determination and absolute unanimity than this year. Dr. Robert Elliott Speer, that peer of modern missionary statesmen, easily the most honored and most loved leader in the Presbyterian Church, was all but thrust into this high office. It is an open secret that he used every argument with his friends to prevent his election. He was unable, however, in all good conscience, to stem the tide of sentiment and in response to his unanimous election accepted the trust with humility and fidelity. His administration, from the first falling of his gavel until the final words of dissolution "of the 139th General Assembly until another one called in like manner shall take its place," has been characterized with high purpose, unflinching courtesy and spiritual results.

The affairs of the Assembly have gathered largely about personalities and secondarily about issues.

In addition to the paramount influence of Dr. Speer, the distinguished retiring Moderator, President Wilbur O. Thompson, President Emeritus of Ohio State University, wielded a commanding presence. He was given an honorary degree by Occidental College, during the sessions of the General Assembly.

Not far distant in influence was Dr. Henry C. Swearingen of St. Paul, a former Moderator of the General Assembly, a member of the General Council and chairman of its Special Commission of Ethics, whose final report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly, although the latter contained men of widely divergent views. It is no exaggeration to say that constitutional government in the light of Presbyterian policy and practice, and which, incidentally, is very much akin to that of the

nation itself, has never before in all its history received such a masterful interpretation as it had at the hands of Dr. Swearingen and his Commission. Liberty and Law, which are the bulwarks of constitutional Presbyterianism, were given such a thoroughgoing and detailed interpretation that it is doubtful if any controversy could possibly be awakened over the points that were settled by the action of the General Assembly in adopting the report of the Commission.

Another outstanding figure of the Assembly is that of its Stated Clerk or General Executive, Dr. Lewis S.



DR. ROBERT E. SPEER

Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly

Mudge. It is conceded by all corners that his technical and tactful administration is one of the largest factors in promoting the efficiency of this large body.

It would be invidious to name any others lest one should omit too many of real note. While the personnel of each Assembly differs from its predecessor, it is safe to say, from the viewpoint of one who has attended nearly a score, that this one had a larger proportion of real church leaders in its membership than any others in a decade.

The whole truth would require one to say, however, that the outstanding personality of the General Assembly was that of a layman, well-known in

America, Will H. Hays, the so-called motion-picture Czar. Mr. Hays came to the Assembly as an elder-Commissioner from his own Presbytery in Indiana. His purpose in coming was to announce the success of the Laymen's Committee in raising over fifteen millions of dollars and in thus launching the new Pension Plan.

**T**HE General Assembly carried on its missionary and benevolence program with unusual enthusiasm. The leaders of the various Boards and Agencies of the Church made a telling presentation of their work. The four Boards, National Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Pensions and Foreign Missions, which represent a recent consolidation of nearly a score of agencies, and after a period of readjustment, have been able to come through with a substantially level financial keel. The General Council has won increasing confidence for itself and has demonstrated the power of co-operative promotion under its general guidance. The financial program of the Boards, reaching an annual total of nearly ten million dollars, is only an index of the widespread range and the far-reaching spiritual activity of these agencies. The Presbyterian Church never faced the future with a more hopeful outlook for expanding success than it does today.

In addition to its missionary, educational and evangelistic activities, the General Assembly faced certain delicate and difficult administrative problems, chief of which was the situation at Princeton Theological Seminary. A Special Committee, with Dr. Thompson as Chairman, brought in a report which recommended a thorough reorganization of the Seminary and the refusal to confirm the appointment or promotion of any professors until the reorganization was effected. The report of the Committee was stoutly and persistently approved, but with a weakening registration. The final vote which continued and enlarged the Committee and sent it forward to its difficult task had only a slight negative element. It is hoped the work of the Committee may be so carried on that the breach in Princeton, which has been both humiliating and serious, may be fully healed.

The Assembly bore unmistakable witness to its unchanged conviction that the Eighteenth Amendment has come to stay, and voiced a most urgent appeal to its constituency to uphold the law and to support those appointed to enforce it.

**T**HE most important constructive action of the General Assembly was in the issuance of a call to the whole Church to engage in a special season of penitence and prayer and in an effort to restore the spiritual tone of the Church and to fulfill its evangelistic mission.

If one might sum up the significance of the General Assembly's Sessions in San Francisco, he would say—an object lesson in Americanization to those who crossed the continent, the presence of a true spirit of good-will and peace, only infrequently imperiled; doctrinal loyalty to the constitutional standards of the Church but with scant interest in detailed and bickering controversy; the joy of a great achievement in raising a vast sum for the Pension Fund of the Church; an increasing recognition of the place of women and young people in the counsels of the Church, the heroic and steadfast support of great missionary projects at home and abroad, and in and through it all, a deep undercurrent of the most genuine liberty and the most genuine unity, both interpreted and resolved in the unifying love of Christ.

By every test, the 139th General Assembly was the most inspiring and noteworthy of any yet held.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, has set its stakes for 1928, when the 140th Assembly will convene.

## With Religious Workers Near and Far

**N**ANKING UNIVERSITY in China, which was the center of an attack by Chinese Nationalist soldiers a few months ago, has reopened with a complete Chinese staff, according to announcement by President Arthur J. Bowen, recently arrived in America from China. The University is being administered by a committee of seven Chinese with Dr. T. S. Kao as chairman. Three hundred and fifty of the five hundred former students have returned to the university, and a class of forty will be graduated the last week in this month.

The Rev. Dr. J. Addison Jones of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was elected President of the Reformed Church in America at the 121st General Synod in Asbury Park. His election followed the declination of the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Reformed Church and Editor of the Christian Herald, to accept the office. He was elected in the first ballot. One of the synod speakers was former United States Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, who urged that every effort be made to raise a \$1,000,000 ministers' pension fund. The Church

already has passed the half-way mark by obtaining \$550,000 in cash or pledges.

A down-town Methodist Church in Philadelphia formed a boys' club from a group of boys invited off the street some months ago and found the only authority they would recognize was brute strength. After a few weeks, however, the boys became so law-abiding that one of them was heard informing the others: "You guys better read the house rules. It says to keep the gym and rooms clean, and it don't mean maybe. We don't want any one to blame our club."

A memorial service for Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the movement, who died May 26, 1927, will be held at the International Convention in Cleveland July 7. The service will be in charge of Dr. Poling.

Jay S. Stowell, of the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, states there are 100,000 Roman Catholic Indians, 80,000 Protestant

Indians, and from sixty to one hundred thousand pagan Indians in the United States.

The Northwestern Bible School at Minneapolis, Minn., of which Dr. W. B. Riley is the founder and superintendent, graduated twenty-seven students at the 1927 commencement.

The Administrative Council of the Federal Council of Churches has indorsed the proposal of M. Briand of France for the outlawry of war between the United States and France.

Reports at the annual meeting of the Bible Institute Colportage Association, founded 33 years ago by Dwight L. Moody, showed that 226,986 Colportage books, 137,477 Evangel hooklets, 380,246 Scripture portions, and 992,633 Gospel tracts had been published; also that 3,886 shipments of Gospel literature for free distribution had been made to hospitals, lumber and mining camps, prisons and jails, southern mountaineers, western pioneers, etc., totaling 433,680 pieces of evangelized reading.

# The Measure of Margaret

## A Romance of India

By ISABEL BROWN ROSE

Illustrated by William C. McNulty

### Instalment Two

#### CHAPTER III

"I REALLY don't think we should wait any longer," remarked Dr. Tracy at length in his quiet, reassuring voice. "Your friend has probably been detained somewhere. What hotel were you going to?"

"I really don't remember. I'll have to look it up," and Margaret steadied her attaché case on top of the pile of baggage, unlocked it, and drew out her address book.

"Hotel Luna, Via Sistina," she read out. "That's the address I left with Miss Robertson. Mr. Somers stayed in it on his way home and found it very comfortable. He promised to write and engage a room for me. He himself was to stay with a friend—I've no idea where."

"Well, then," said Dr. Tracy with decision, "we'll all drive round to the Hotel Luna and see you safely settled."

Margaret's usually tranquil mind was so perturbed that she could not enjoy her first sight of Rome. She had only a hazy remembrance of a fine open space with an imposing fountain, then of busy thoroughfares with trolley lines and many horse cabs, and lastly of a quieter and very steep street which took them to the Hotel Luna. Her mind was still more perturbed when she inquired at the office and discovered that no room had been engaged either in her name or in that of Somers. There was, however, a telegram for her which had been forwarded from Naples.

Standing there in the hotel office with Dr. Tracy by her side and Angel waiting in the well-laden cab outside, Margaret tore open the envelope and scanned the message hastily. She paled for a moment and then flushed with emotion, but she managed to control her voice. "It's from Miss Robertson's father," she announced quietly. "It was evidently meant to reach me in Naples before I started. Mr. Somers has been detained by business. He won't be able to come at all."

"Why, that's too bad," said Sonny sympathetically.

MARGARET pulled herself resolutely together. "Yes, it's rather disappointing. However, it can't be helped. And I'll be all right here. It looks a very nice hotel."

It was—an extremely nice hotel indeed, but . . . the proprietor shrugged his shoulders and turned out the palms of his hands. He was sorry to inform the signorina that he hadn't a nook or cranny left. Everything had been booked up weeks ahead. What was more, he hadn't the slightest idea where one might find a room.

Margaret felt momentarily unstrung.

"Don't worry," said Sonny quickly. "Let's go out and tell Angel."

They did so, and her kindly little countenance beamed with delight.

"Why, I'm so glad," she chirped. "This is lovely! My dear, you'll come straight to our hotel and share my room. It's huge, positively huge. A little person like me feels absolutely lost in it—almost as bad as the streets of Pompeii," and she chuckled reminiscently.

"Oh, you are good," said Margaret, who, in spite of her long years of training in self-control, felt periodically near tears. "But I can't impose on you. There surely must be a vacant room somewhere in all Rome, if only we could find it."

"You'd prefer to try somewhere else first?" asked Dr. Tracy.

"Yes, please." As a matter of fact, Margaret would have liked nothing better than to leave herself in the hands of the Tracys, but she felt it would be an imposition on their kindness, and she had a healthy horror of intruding or of taking advantage of any one's good-nature.

"Very well. I know—let me see—one, two, yes, three hotels and two pensions, know them personally and can vouch for them. Let's drive round them first, and if nothing is available we'll fix up some arrangement at the Clarence, where Angel and I have had rooms for over a month. The manager is a very obliging fellow. I'm sure he'll be able to find you some small corner."

LITTLE had Margaret Ronald imagined, in all her romantic dreams of travel, that her first experience of the Eternal City would be a fruitless search for a vacant room. As one rebuff followed another, her heart sank. And suppose there had been no Tracys. Suppose she, a foreign gentlewoman with no knowledge of Italian, had been obliged to drive from hotel to hotel. The very idea was staggering.

The five places recommended by Sonny were packed full. Polite but adamant refusals met them in each hotel and pension, so Margaret had to swallow her pride and give up her attempt to be independent. They drove to the Clarence, and she and Angel sat in the lounge while Sonny, with his usual decision, called the manager. An animated conversation ensued in

### The Opening Chapters

MARGARET RONALD goes from her Aberdeen home to Italy to recover from the shock caused by her mother's death. While wandering alone through the ruins of Pompeii, she encounters Miss Angelina Tracy, a quaint but lovable elderly American lady, and they quickly become friends. Miss Tracy later introduces her nephew, Dr. Tracy, a distinguished college professor, whom she calls "Sonny," and who in turn refers to her as "Angel." They prove delightful companions in Margaret's sightseeing, for Jessie Robertson, who had come to Italy with her, disliked seeing new places. Margaret is to meet her fiancé, Jack Somers, in Rome, and makes the journey with the Tracys. To her disappointment, Jack fails to meet her at the station.

Italian, during which the manager gesticulated expressively and sympathetically, with an occasional glance toward Margaret. Finally he nodded emphatically and came forward with a charming bow and assured the signorina that a room would be at her disposal in a few minutes. Dr. Tracy, meanwhile, disappeared upstairs.

And when, by and by, Margaret was shown into a delightful room, which she was informed was for her exclusive use, and when the voluble manager finally withdrew, the first thing she did was to fling herself on the couch and indulge in a good, old-fashioned feminine fit of weeping.

But healthy youth has astonishing recuperative powers. As Margaret lay resting and meditating, a cup of delicious coffee was brought to her "By the Signor's orders," and this fresh proof of human kindness warmed her up both physically and mentally. She sat by the window sipping it, and marveling at the numerous spires that pointed heavenward from between the houses; and she thrilled at the sight of the gold cross scintillating on the dome of St. Peter's in the background. She thought with gratitude of her new friends and of their helpfulness and readiness to help her out of her hateful dilemma. All her life she had been the one to minister to other people, and for the last ten years she had dedicated to her mother all her time and her strength without stint. Now, though it is true that it is more blessed to give than to receive, yet to one who has been constantly giving out of her own best, there is nothing more comforting, more refreshing, than to receive some service from others.

IT WAS a bad blow, of course, that Jack Somers had been unable to come, but she absolutely refused to be downhearted. He would probably meet her in London, and all would be satisfactorily explained.

Meanwhile, here she was where she had so often longed to be, actually in Rome; and she thanked a kindly Providence for supplying such delightful comrades, and she determined to enjoy the week of sightseeing to the full. By the time she had rested and dressed for dinner, her equanimity was largely restored.

"I've a bone to pick with you," she remarked to Dr. Tracy when she joined Angel and him in the lounge. "You promised to find me some small corner in the hotel."

"Well, what's the matter with your small corner? Isn't it big enough for you to shine in?"

"Big enough? I should say so. But you didn't tell me it was your own small corner. I'm dreadfully remorseful about ousting you."

"What makes you think you are ousting me?"

"My Sherlock Holmes instincts. There's a photograph of Angel in a silver frame, and an umbrella with 'T' on the handle, and, you know, even the best hotels don't supply a shelf of classy books. Even a less detectively minded person than myself would be apt to draw conclusions as to the former occupant."

Dr. Tracy laughed. "I am an ass," he declared. "I ought to have taken time this afternoon to make a clean sweep. However, cheer up. You don't need to be remorseful about ousting me, for I'm sharing with a friend on the flat above, and his room has a magnificent panorama of the city—twice as good as from your small corner. So, you see, I'm one up on you after all. By the way, I've just been making out an itinerary for us three for the next week. Look at it and open his notebook and showed Margaret a list of semi-familiar place-names that made her eyes glow.

#### CHAPTER IV

HOTEL CLARENCE, ROME.  
EARLY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

MY DEAR JESSIE,  
Many thanks for sending on the wire. It was from your father, saying that Jack Somers has been detained by business and won't be able to come to Rome at all.

If the wire had reached me in Naples before I started, as it evidently was intended to do, I would have put off this trip. Fortunately it didn't, for I'm going to have a good time in Rome in spite of this disappointment.

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"It's from Miss Robertson's father," she announced quietly. "Mr. Somers has been detained by business. He won't be able to come at all"

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WHAT of the affairs of the Magazine? It's good to observe that folks are interested and inquire, "How're you getting on?" (Well, partners all, here are a few gleanings from the Treasurer and Publisher's annual report to the Committee of Management which represents the Gen-

eral Council and the four Boards. (By the way, it was a two-dozen report—Mr. Camden has served twenty-four years. (The subscription list, which had been steadily declining for years, reached its lowest point October 15, 1926. The new form of the Magazine appeared that month; decline in the subscription list was checked and net gains have been made each month. (It's fine to be working at something that makes headway. It's always uncomfortable to back down hill. (New subscriptions for the year totalled 14,000; but many failed to renew. (The total number of pages for the year was 648. The total reading pages printed for all issues was 14,677,936—the greatest paper and ink contact of the Church! (Of sixteen publications for April listed in *Printer's Ink*, the Magazine headed these with 9,605 lines of advertising, ahead of such magazines as *The Forum*, *Success*, *The Century*. The May issue carried 14,000 lines, the greatest in any previous issue. (The Magazine makes no profit; is not even self-supporting. (The net cost of publication, which means a deficit paid from funds appropriated by General Assembly, was \$6,622.62. (Twenty thousand more subscribers would place the Magazine on a self-support basis. (The Publisher finds the greatest obstacle to increasing circulation is the difficulty in establishing a workable contact in individual churches. (On some one in every church responsibility should be fixed to secure annually new and renewal subscriptions. (While unable to approach all Church members individually, the Magazine can approach the pastor; it has his name. (On him, more than any other, must the Magazine depend for publicity. (The Magazine can pay its way if pastors will pave its way. (At General Assembly our publication was given a kindly reception. One who presided at the subscription table said that not a single word of adverse criticism was spoken. Over 700 of the commissioners are subscribers. (Station TPM signing off.

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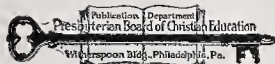
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On Sunday afternoon a communion service conducted by Rev. Ezra Allen Van Nuy, D.D., and Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., was held in Calvary Presbyterian Church. On Monday the popular meetings opened, continuing through Tuesday evening. It is estimated that between 1,000 and 1,200 women were in attendance at each session of these inspirational gatherings.

The Biennial Meeting was the culmination of a call for a spiritual advance issued at the beginning of the fiscal year by the Boards of National and Foreign Missions, cooperating with the synodical societies, and the conference and program followed the elements of advance emphasized in this call; power, personality, program and prayer. Although ample time was given to a consideration of the purpose and program of the missionary organization, a whole session was devoted to a discussion of race relations in the light of the missionary enterprise, another session to the presentation of the contribution of youth to missions, emphasis being placed on preparation, response and needs of the field, and a third to the prophetic aspect of missions in view of world trends. Other sessions were given over to messages from the mission field, both at home and abroad. The meetings closed with a dramatic presentation, "The Call and the Answer," as a summary of the year's endeavor in following the call to advance throughout the year.

## Judicial Cases

OF the seven cases before the Permanent Judicial Commission, final action was taken by the Assembly as follows: Six cases were dismissed for various reasons; one case was sustained and remanded for prompt and appropriate action. It concerns Rev. A. H. Crombie vs. Synod of South Dakota. In case 1 of Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, D.D., vs. Synod of New York, the judgment of the synod was sustained by vote of 333 to 298.

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Dr. Wylie's activities have not however been confined to his own denomination, but his services have been much sought by religious and civic bodies throughout the country. Dr. Wylie is vice president of the Stony Brook Assembly, Long Island, and chairman of religious work in the Canal Zone.

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- 1—Where is the deepest hole in the earth?
- 2—Give the name of the City that was captured seventeen times and cleaned of its inhabitants eight times.
- 3—Name the most historic river in the Holy Land, and give the distance and into what body of water does it flow, and the descent of the River—how many feet?
- 4—Name the oldest Christian Church in the World.
- 5—Where do you find the oldest olive trees in the World?
- 6—Give the name of the City that was captured seventeen times and cleaned of its inhabitants eight times.
- 7—During what century did the Crusaders capture Jerusalem?
- 8—What Lake was vitally associated with the Ministry of Jesus?
- 9—What government has a Mandate over Palestine now? and what government ruled Palestine before the World War?
- 10—What leading ruler of Europe visited the Holy Land in 1898?
- 11—How many Temples were built on King Solomon's Temple Area and name them?
- 12—In what city do you find the street called Straight?
- 13—What is the distance of a Sabbath's Journey?
- 14—Where is the saltiest body of water in the World?
- 15—What is the name of the Church that covers the spot where Jesus was born?
- 16—Name the three religions that found their birthplace or made their home in the Holy Land.
- 17—Name the mountain that is associated with the life of Elijah.
- 18—Where did God bury Moses?
- 19—At what Well did Jesus speak to the Samaritan woman?
- 20—How many tribes were there to the Jewish Race in the days of David?
- 21—Who destroyed King Solomon's Temple?
- 22—What was the most beautiful Temple that Jesus knew?
- 23—About what age did Jesus begin his ministry?
- 24—How long did He preach? And after the Resurrection how long was He on Earth?
- 25—Name the town where Jesus spent his youth and manhood.
- 26—Name the city where Abraham is buried.
- 27—In what part of the world is the City of Mecca?
- 28—What people look upon this city as their Holy City?
- 29—Name the most distinct race found in the Holy Land today.
- 30—In whose keeping is the Pentateuch? and the age of it?

## Pension Fund By Synods

WITH returns from campaigns still coming in, the following shows the latest but incomplete, figures of the Laymen's Pension Plan by synods:

Wyoming .....	\$ 3,520
North Dakota .....	9,257
Florida .....	10,000
South Dakota .....	26,446
New England .....	52,284
Oregon .....	69,220
West Virginia .....	80,150
Nebraska .....	90,919
Kentucky .....	114,258
Washington .....	124,165
Colorado .....	133,802
Oklahoma .....	134,221
Kansas .....	145,873
Texas .....	153,072
Wisconsin .....	172,639
Baltimore .....	179,853
Iowa .....	210,860
Missouri .....	383,568
Indiana .....	397,680
Minnesota .....	409,954
Michigan .....	440,176
California .....	888,267
Illinois .....	1,071,208
New Jersey .....	1,125,291
Ohio .....	1,195,365
New York .....	2,775,975
Pennsylvania .....	3,214,020
Legacies and other funds paid directly to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation .....	1,472,989

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$15,045,032

This total does not include assured legacies promised in lieu of contributions.

## Notice to Next Assembly On Princeton

FOR the Special Committee on Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. William O. Thompson presented the following to General Assembly:

"Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the General Assembly to be convened in May, 1928, a resolution will be proposed for adoption abrogating the Plan of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at Princeton, N. J., adopted by the General Assembly in the year 1811 and all the amendments and additions thereto and all the by-laws, rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof."

## General Council Election

The following were elected to membership on the General Council: Class 1928—Rev. John W. MacIvor, D.D., vice Dr. S. S. Estey, Mr. Fred B. Shipp, vice Mr. Ralph W. Harbison.

Class 1930—Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, D.D., Rev. Mark A. Matthews, D.D., Mr. W. M. Cosby, Mr. George G. Barber, Mr. S. Frank Shattuck.

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## VICTORY

Mightiest Achievement of Church for Ministers in 210 Years

J. Hudson Ballard

*Professor of Religion, Occidental College*

NEVER before had any Assembly known such a session as that of Saturday morning at San Francisco. And never again will such an hour be witnessed. In some most important respects it can be called the greatest moment in the history of our Church. The mighty word that rang through the vast auditorium was "VICTORY!" The Fifteen Million Dollar Pension Fund was raised!

When the report of the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation became the order of the day, soon after a prolonged and vigorous debate on Princeton Seminary, the chairman of the committee, Mr. J. Willison Smith, after brief remarks, introduced the president of the Board, Rev. Andrew Mutch, D.D., who spoke a few well-chosen words and in turn introduced the secretary of the Board, Rev. Henry B. Master, D.D. Dr. Master for a few moments reviewed the story that led to the organizing of the special Laymen's Committee to raise a minimum of fifteen million dollars, which he designated as "the most colossal task ever undertaken by any Church for pension purposes." He reminded the Assembly that the ministers who are young enough to be in the pension plan for fifteen years will practically provide their own pensions, that this basic fund is needed especially to care for those older soldiers of Christ who are fifty years of age or over, and to provide for their widows. He then introduced Mr. Will H. Hays, chairman of the Laymen's Committee, who was received by the Assembly with great applause.

### The Westward March to the Sea

Mr. Hays delivered one of the strongest and most earnest addresses heard from the Assembly platform this year,—a message that should go into every Presbyterian church in the land. First, he told of the steps that prepared the way for this year's intensive campaign for the fifteen million dollar fund. He recounted especially the reasons why the original plan of endeavoring to raise this fund by large gifts from a selected

few was abandoned for the plan of offering the privilege of participation to every layman in every church of our communion. He told how the campaign had been organized in successive zones beginning on the Atlantic seaboard and working toward the Pacific. "And," said he, "we conclude this morning the laymen's westward march to the sea."

So, little by little, Mr. Hays worked up to that announcement for which the entire Assembly and hundreds of visitors eagerly, almost breathlessly, waited. At last, and rather suddenly, he came to it—"The necessary amount has been raised!" That was enough; the Assembly was on its feet, and long and vigorous was the applause. The Doxology was sung spontaneously.

Two things remained for Mr. Hays to do: he reported in some detail the results by synods and made other statistical accounting of the work of the Laymen's Committee; and then he closed his address by some wise and deeply moving interpretations of the great success of this vast undertaking.

### The Fund Oversubscribed

The total amount subscribed at the hour of the address, declared Mr. Hays, was \$15,045,000. This did not include any legacies, even those that were assured. And while he spoke telegram after telegram was placed before him announcing additional gifts. The highest four presbyteries were announced as New York (\$1,156,000), Pittsburgh (\$895,000), Chicago (\$636,000) and Los Angeles (\$529,000). The Madison Avenue Church in New York was high among individual congregations, with \$443,000. Altogether 110,000 different families had contributed to the fund, with pledges ranging from twenty-five cents to \$300,000. It was hoped that the total would continue to grow, for the amount asked for in this fund was the bare minimum needed to pay pensions now due, to retire sustentation bonds, and to provide for ministers and missionaries, their orphans and widows, where the limited number of

premiums would not be anywhere near sufficient to earn an adequate pension.

The significance of this victory was manifold, declared Mr. Hays. The very fact that the fund had been oversubscribed in a year during which three great church debts had actually been liquidated, indicated a rising tide of intelligent and liberal giving on the part of our people. Moreover, this great success was an unanswerable indication that our Church was a united Church in its great tasks and responsibilities. Such a fund could not have been produced by a divided people.

#### No Breaking Down of Religion

And what a message of encouragement it brought from the laymen of the Church to the Church's ministers, bidding them take heart, go on and spend themselves in Christ's work under the impetus of this renewed declaration of confidence and appreciation. The success of this effort constituted also, declared the speaker, "the declaration of the laymen that the modern pulpit is as cleanly courageous, as ethical and strongly Christian today as at any time in the history of Christianity. It is the answer of the laymen that there is no breaking down of religion; that there is nothing breakable in religion; that the attacks upon religion are but the beating of flurried wings upon the temples of Christianity."

After naming other interpretations and several by-products of this great undertaking, Mr. Hays closed his address in these words:

"In conclusion, may I say in behalf of the laymen who have cooperated in this enterprise that it has been done as a deserved tribute to the men who have unselfishly dedicated their lives to our spiritual welfare. We pay you, my friends in the ministry, and your wives, this tribute, and we give you our gratitude for what you have done and are doing. You give up, in the spirit of our Master, your chance for the material rewards of life. Many laymen who have served in this campaign seriously considered in their youth the claims of the Christian ministry upon them, weighed their obligations and their duty as they saw it, and so we know the material sacrifice that you made as young men when you deliberately turned aside from business to give your lives to the service of the Master. You fulfill the highest function in any community. Your leadership in spiritual matters, your constant reminder to us in the stress of modern life that after all it is the eternal things only which are important, your unselfish devotion to the welfare of others, is America's richest asset, and we want you to know that it is valued and appreciated by those you serve. Rejoice now in your ministry, my friends, wax strong in your efforts, and know

that in all that you do and plan in behalf of the Kingdom you have the earnest support of the men and women who have tried to make your way brighter and easier.

"Mr. Moderator, to the thousands of men who have given their lives to Christ's ministry in our Church, the very flower of American manhood, we pay now this tribute of the Service Pension Fund."

#### Emotion, Worship and Applause Mingle

As these words were uttered a large American flag was withdrawn from a stand on the edge of platform, and there, in great letters stood the greeting "VICTORY—\$15,000,000—THE LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE." The Doxology a second time, and hymns were sung; the Twenty-third Psalm was recited by the great multitude with tremulous voices; prayer and thanksgiving was made to God.

It was a great hour, the glorious culmination of two hundred and ten years of effort to provide in some way for the soldiers of the Cross in our Church. On this momentous occasion the women for the first time were granted the privilege of voting in General Assembly, and in support of a motion both the ministers and their wives stood in a vote of silent gratitude to the Laymen's Committee for this great gift of thoughtfulness and love. There were very few dry eyes in all that throng. "This is another milestone," said a commissioner to his friend. "Not a milestone this

time," his friend replied, "this is an altar."

General Assembly voted unanimously that the new Service Pension Plan be declared operative as of April 1, 1927, with payment of the 10 per cent, 7½ per cent from the church and 2½ per cent from the minister, for the contributions and annuities beginning October 1, 1927. Thus is assured to Christ's servants in our Church a retiring pension practically equal to one-half their average salary. Not a dole, not a charity, but now a matter of strict business based on the soundest financial principles and made possible by the consecrated love of the men and women of the pew.

With few words Dr. Mutch, on behalf of the ministers of the Church presented to Mr. Hays an inscribed watch as a token of their great esteem. Here the spirit of humble service was manifested for Mr. Hays replied that the gift was deserved more by the laymen who had assisted than by himself.

The crowning hour of the Assembly had come—and was passing. But only to leave behind it an unbroken trail of happiness and increasing self-respect in thousands of hearts who counted not their lives dear unto themselves.

*\$15,000,000*  
*Service*  
*Pension*  
*Fund*  
*Raised!*



ROBERT ELLIOTT SPEER, D.D., LL.D.

*The Moderator of General Assembly cannot be introduced to the Presbyterian Church. He is built into the Church as into many national and international Christian movements. Born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, he was graduated from Princeton in 1889. The two following years he was a student in Princeton Theological Seminary, and in 1891 he was called to be a secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.*

*Dr. Speer has repeatedly toured mission stations of the Presbyterian Church; has been active in the student life of America, especially in Y. M. C. A. summer conferences. He is the author of many books on a variety of themes. Among other offices he has filled is the presidency of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.*

*The University of Edinburgh in 1910 conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, an unusual distinction for a layman.*

*The Moderator resides at Englewood, New Jersey, where he is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.*

## General Assembly Gets Under Way

Impressive Opening Service—Robert E. Speer, Moderator

PROMPTLY at 10:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, the immense audience of approximately five thousand persons rose to sing the Doxology, and the opening service of the one hundred thirty-ninth General Assembly was under way. Most of the commissioners occupied their assigned seats in the center of the civic auditorium, San Francisco; the remaining 1,500 chairs on the main floor were full, the balconies were filled, except high up in the extreme rear, and a fringe of people stood against the walls at the back of the auditorium. Large numbers of the townspeople had come to share in this first service.

### The Sermon and Communion Service

The order proceeded promptly to the Moderator's sermon, a vigorous, thoughtful appeal for "The Gospel of Reconciliation," emphasizing the great Christian

ideas of the past but applied to the needs of the world of today.

Scarcely a person left at the close of the sermon, when the Stated Clerk rose to lead in the Communion service. The quiet and the sense of reverence were most unusual in such an immense hall, with thousands of people participating. As one hundred elders slowly filed down the aisles bearing the elements of the Supper, in perfect silence except for the subdued tones of the organ, one could scarcely realize that, contrary to the usual custom, the Communion Service was not being held in a church edifice. At the close of this impressive service the throng quietly left the auditorium impressed with the beauty, the dignity and the deep religious feeling of this first gathering of the Assembly,—a promise of the good things which were to come.

The great audience of the morning was back for the afternoon session, and on time. Again the galleries were filled. And well repaid they were, for seldom if ever has such an opening business session of the General Assembly been witnessed.

The Assembly, officially speaking, was present: for the customary calling of the roll, by announcing absentees, discovered but fifteen out of approximately a thousand commissioners who were not in their places. With almost incredible promptness the business of the afternoon was transacted. First, the commissioners were organized into twenty-two separate electing sections and a chairman, vice chairman and secretary chosen for each.

But by far the greatest event of the first afternoon session each year is the election of a Moderator. When the call for nominations was made, Ruling Elder J. Willison Smith, of Philadelphia, was recognized, and proceeding to the platform he placed in nomination "the man who for many years has so faithfully served the Church in a highly important capacity and who is one of the greatest missionary statesmen of the age," Robert E. Speer. Rev. Hugh K. Walker, D.D., of Los Angeles, hastened to second the nomination in words of force and feeling, referring to Dr. Speer as "the ablest layman in the Protestant Church in America." No other nominations were forthcoming. And Robert Elliott Speer, senior Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was unanimously elected to the highest office in the gift of the Church by the authorized vote of the Stated Clerk cast for the entire Assembly. Each of the two speeches had taken less than five minutes, and ten minutes had barely elapsed from the moment when nominations were declared in order until the Moderator-elect was being escorted to the platform by Mr. Smith and Dr. Walker, with the Assembly on its feet and applauding vigorously. Part of this recognition was for the two men who had placed his name before the Assembly, for it was well known that each one had himself been prominently mentioned for this same high office.

In turning over the symbols of office retiring Moderator Thompson handed Dr. Speer the official Manual of rules and regulations, which he declared he himself had never read, and a gavel, which he said he had never had to use roughly. He hoped that the same good fortune in both respects would fall to his successor.

Moderator Speer's speech of acceptance, brief though it was, was characteristically deep in religious feeling and wide in its reach of meaning. With both modesty and insight he interpreted this choice of the Assembly, which he declared was unwanted by him, to be its way of declaring both to the Church and the world, at the very beginning of its sessions, its reaffirmation of three great things: first, a determination to hold fast in these troublous days to the world wide ministry of Christ; second, its realization of the vital importance of the great spiritual truths of Christianity; third, its steadfast intention toward unity of heart and

action. And everybody felt that in a peculiarly fitting way this new Moderator symbolized in himself just these great things.

Before long the gathering had adjourned to a reception by city and Church officials in the adjoining city hall. Just one hour and twenty minutes had elapsed since the session had first been called to order when former Moderator Erdman suggested that the closing order be the united singing of the Doxology. Commissioners felt like rubbing their eyes to make sure that everything they thought they had seen and heard were really true. Especially did those whose fortune had taken them to many previous Assemblies wonder just what had happened, and why and how. But evidently it had. So they thanked God and took courage.

## A Glimpse of General Assembly

THE folks who remained at home were mostly in mind in the preparation of this General Assembly report number. The effort has not been made to give a full account of all the proceedings but to give the folks at home a glimpse of what a meeting of Assembly is like and to record the high spots. Commissioners and all ministers will receive a copy of the official minutes.

It was a sentiment freely expressed at Assembly that if more Presbyterians were informed concerning their Church and its vast work, the response to its work in both life and resources would be more prompt and generous.

The 139th Assembly was notable in many respects. It was admirably accommodated and freely imbibed the California spirit of optimism and heartiness. The exhilaration of the climate and the abundant sunshine of rainless days lighted up the spirits of all. Equanimity and unanimity were the chief mental characteristics. Vital questions reaching deep into the lives and convictions of the commissioners were debated with a fine spirit of regard for the views of others, and flashes of humor broke the tenseness at times. It is to the honor of the Church that the Princeton debate was no wrangle but a calm looking at facts with ample regard for differences of opinion.

The churches and their adherents by plunging into their work for 1927-28 with the spirit and determination of General Assembly can scale new heights and achieve new victories. The report of the Commission of Fifteen on the "Progress of the Church" should be a solemn meditation by every church session and its glorious goals should become a realization in all our congregations. From the Moderator's sermon through all the events of Assembly there was always evident an eagerness for the domination of the Spirit in a ministry of reconciliation.

# What Christ Wishes

## Of Church and Followers This New Church Year

A Message from the Moderator of General Assembly

Robert E. Speer



**T**HERE can be no doubt as to what Christ wishes of our Church and of us this new Church year. He wishes us to stand fast in the unity of truth and love and to go forward in our clear and

common witness to the Gospel of the New Testament, in our loyalty in life and service to the mind of Christ, and in our unceasing effort to win men and women one by one to Him and to make Him known to the whole world.

He calls us individually to pure and faithful and unselfish Christian lives. Paul's relationship and experience were what ours ought to be: "To me to live is Christ," "Christ is my life." These were not mere religious phrases to Paul. They were the most real of all realities. They ought to be realities to us. Why should we not give Christ his central and absolute place in our lives—not some day or in some other world, but now and here?

He calls us to open or to reopen or to consecrate afresh the shrine of family prayer and worship in our homes, to care for the training and Christian teaching of our children with a new conscience and solicitude, to put and keep Christ and His joy and love and confidence at the head and in the heart of all our family life. We ought to solve the problem of divorce in our Church by having none, but by such teaching and truth of human relationships as shall make all such wretchedness and discord abhorrent and impossible. Love is the will to be unselfish and to serve. Christ is such love. Why call ourselves His Church if we are not willing to make Him and His love supreme in our home life and in every relationship of husband and wife, and parent and child, and friend and friend?

Let us claim this year more of the riches of

our Christian faith and life, beauty and reverence, peace and joy, unity and truth within, the enlargement of power and capacity for all that is good and true, the use of the unlimited resources available for all of God's children. "For our sufficiency is of God."

It is a time for clear and assured, convincing and persuasive testimony to the reasonableness of our Christian conviction. We shall get nowhere by abuse or denunciation. But we have a faith to proclaim and we have a reason for it. The views of the world which make God an impossibility and which deny the validity of any witness to miracle are unreasonable views. We hold our belief about Jesus Christ and His life and death, His atoning and redeeming work, and His resurrection and enduring power on reasonable grounds which we can state to men. It is our business to state them and we ought to make this year a time of joyous and contagious witness to our great and living faith.

From all parts of the Church the cry is going up for a great evangelistic advance. Let the cry grow but let all of us who join in it begin where we are and today. It is not God who is reluctant. We are straitened in ourselves by the timidity of our faith, the slackness of our obedience, the coldness of our zeal, the poverty of our love. May God's fires fall upon us and kindle the ancient altars to a new glow. With a fresh loyalty let us rise up and move

Like a mighty army,  
Brethren, we are traveling  
Where the saints have trod.

In their footsteps, and seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run, looking unto Jesus Christ and Him only.





# The Office of the General Assembly

## The Proposed Amendments To the Constitution—Part I

Lewis Seymour Mudge, D.D., LL.D., Stated Clerk

THE 1927 General Assembly approved the transmission to the presbyteries, for their consideration and action, of a number of proposed amendments to the Constitution. For the enlightenment of presbyteries and church sessions, it is our purpose to comment upon these proposed amendments in a series of articles which will appear consecutively in THE PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE for several months to come. For convenience and clearness, we will consider these proposed amendments in three groups.

I. In the first of these groups we place the amendment relating to the quorum of a church session. Form of Government, Chapter IX is entitled "Of The Church Session." Section II of this chapter now reads:

"Of this judicatory, two elders, if there be as many in the congregation, with the pastor, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum."

If amended as proposed, said Section II would read:

"Of this judicatory, two elders, if there be so many, with the pastor, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum; unless the elders number five or more, when a majority of the elders, with the pastor, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum."

Chapter IX, Section II of the Form of Government, as it now reads, was adopted before the days of our large churches with their sessions composed of relatively many members. There is a widespread feeling in our Church, reflected in many letters received by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, that it is neither wise nor just that a church session having in its membership but two elders, and a church session having in its membership twenty ruling elders, should have the same rule with reference to a quorum. Practically all organizations in existence today, which conduct their business in an orderly way, require for the transaction of business, a quorum, the numerical size of which is comparable with the membership readily available for regular attendance. A church session is, or should be made up, with rare exceptions, only of such men as are regularly in residence, and are, therefore, available ordinarily for counsel and action in connection with the spiritual interests of the particular church. Therefore, it is not in any way a rigorous requirement to indicate in our larger sessions a majority of the elders as the number necessary to constitute a quorum. Moreover, the establishment of such a constitutional requirement for a quorum in sessions, having five or more elders, will do much to bring to an end a type of session meeting which has introduced into some of our churches a system of administration far removed from the high ideals of the Presbyterian Form of Government. The business of the House of God sometimes requires haste, and sometimes suddenly called session

meetings are imperative, but such instances are far too rare to justify serious consideration in connection with the establishing of a constitutional quorum. Usually they arise because the pastor, or the clerk of session, or both, do not give the business of the church the careful systematic ordering which it deserves. A pastor who wishes to keep in harmony with his session, and to secure their constant and loyal cooperation, will hesitate long before he calls, without reasonable notice, meetings of his session. He will avoid especially, so-called informal meetings of the session summoned during a service to meet at its close. There is really no excuse, in a well-ordered church, for the conduct of its spiritual affairs after this fashion. The proposed amendment to Chapter IX, Section II is more than justified, if it will do no more than put an end to such un-Presbyterian procedure.

As to churches which have sessions in which the elders number four or less, it is to be noted that the present provision of the Constitution, as to the number constituting a quorum, remains unaltered. It is earnestly to be hoped, in these days when we are all interested in the proper protection of minorities, our presbyteries by an overwhelming vote, will see to it that the rights of minorities are rightly guarded in that unit of our Presbyterian system which our Constitution describes as the "particular church."

There may be some who will endeavor to justify the present quorum of "two" on the analogy of the "three" constituting a quorum of a presbytery and the "seven" constituting, under our Form of Government, a quorum of a synod. The answer is right at hand. In our judgment it is worthy of serious consideration whether some change should not be made in the constitutional requirements relating to the quorum of a presbytery and to the quorum of a synod. The precedent for such changes is to be found in the fact that in 1910 the quorum of the General Assembly was raised from "fourteen" to a "hundred or more."

II. A second group of proposed amendments to the Constitution has to do with the clarifying of existing procedure in connection with complaints and appeals.

Book of Discipline, Chapter IX as it stands at present in our Constitution reads, in part, as follows:

"85. Written notice of Complaint, with the reasons therefor, shall be given, within ten days after the action was taken, to the clerk, or, in case of his death, absence or disability, to the moderator, of the judicatory complained of, who shall lodge it, with the records and all the papers pertaining to the case, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, before the close of the second day

of its regular meeting next ensuing the date of the reception of said notice.

"86. Whenever a Complaint is entered in a non-judicial or administrative case against a decision of a judicatory, by at least one-third of the members recorded as present when the decision was made, the execution of the decision shall be stayed until the final issue of the case by the next superior judicatory.

"87. The complainant shall lodge his Complaint, and the reasons therefor, with the clerk of the superior judicatory before the close of the second day of its meeting next ensuing the date of the notice thereof."

It is proposed to substitute for these three sections, the following:

"85. Written notice of Complaint shall be given, within ten days after the action complained of was taken, to the clerk, or, in case of his death, absence, or disability, to the moderator, of the judicatory against whose action the Complaint is made, who shall lodge it, with the records and all the papers pertaining to the case, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, not later than thirty days thereafter.

"86. The complainant shall lodge his Complaint with the Clerk of the superior judicatory within thirty days after the date of the notice thereof. Upon request, the clerk of the superior judicatory is authorized to furnish copies of the Complaint to the parties concerned, who shall bear the expense of the same.

"87. Whenever a Complaint is entered in a non-judicial or administrative case against a decision of a judicatory, by at least one-third of the members recorded as present when the decision was made, the execution of the decision shall be stayed until the final issue of the case by the next superior judicatory."

It is most important that the reasons for these proposed changes in the Book of Discipline should be clearly understood not because they are extensive changes, but because, to the casual observer, they may appear to be so unimportant as to be unworthy of the consideration of our busy Presbyteries. Nothing, however, is unimportant which will clarify procedure and remove causes of constant misunderstanding. The reasons to be advanced for the changes suggested in said Chapter IX of the Book of Discipline are:

Many feel that said chapter, as now worded, does not make clear the difference between the *Notice of Complaint* and the *Complaint itself*. These are two separate things and should not be confused, the one with the other. Apparently as found in the present reading of Chapter IX they are so related as to cause widespread confusion. The new wording is intended to make it perfectly clear that a *Notice of Complaint* is one thing and the *Complaint itself* is another thing.

Book of Discipline, Chapter IX, as it now stands, requires marked promptness in giving *Notice of Complaint*, namely, within ten days. On the other hand, great dilatoriness is permitted as to the presenting of the *Complaint itself*, namely, before the close of the second day of the meeting of the superior judicatory next ensuing the date of the *Notice of the Complaint*.

This is frequently a matter of months and when the *Complaint itself* is presented as late as the second day of the meeting of the superior judicatory, it finds some judicatories well on the way to the conclusion of their crowded dockets, if indeed not practically through them. The changes proposed in this connection aim to place the official documents pertinent to the case in official custody with reasonable promptness. It may be added, also, that the regulation requiring the filing of the *Complaint*, with reasonable promptness, will also eliminate what has been frequently a cause of heated argument between the opposing parties to a case, namely, the withholding until the very last possible moment from the knowledge of the defendants in the case of the full grounds on which the *Complaint* is actually based.

In the section of the Book of Discipline, Chapter IX devoted to appeals, two sections, at present, read as follows:

"96. Written notice of Appeal, with specifications of the errors alleged, shall be given, within ten days after the judgment has been rendered, to the clerk, or, in case of his death, absence, or disability, to the moderator, of the judicatory appealed from, who shall lodge it, with the records and all the papers pertaining to the case, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, before the close of the second day of its regular meeting next ensuing the date of his reception of said notice.

"97. The appellant shall appear in person or by counsel before the judicatory appealed to, on or before the close of the second day of its regular meeting next ensuing the date of the filing of his notice of Appeal, and shall lodge his Appeal and specifications of the errors alleged, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, within the time above specified. If he fail to show to the satisfaction of the judicatory that he was unavoidably prevented from so doing, he shall be considered as having abandoned his Appeal, and the judgment shall stand."

It is proposed to change these sections to read as follows:

"96. Written notice of Appeal, with specifications of the errors alleged, shall be given, within ten days after the judgment has been rendered, to the clerk, or in case of his death, absence, or disability, to the moderator, of the judicatory from whose judgment the Appeal is taken, who shall lodge it, with the records and all the papers pertaining to the case, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, not later than thirty days thereafter.

"97. Within thirty days after the date of the filing of the notice of Appeal, the appellant shall lodge his Appeal and specifications of the errors alleged, with the clerk of the superior judicatory, who shall notify him immediately of the date when he shall appear in person or by counsel before the judicatory appealed to, in readiness to support the Appeal. Failure to respond to such notice, unless he can show to the satisfaction of the judicatory that he was unavoidably prevented from so doing, shall be considered as an abandonment of his Appeal, and the judgment shall stand."

The reasons for earnestly recommending to our presbyteries, the slight changes embodied in the proposed amendments to said Sections 96 and 97 are practically the same as those stated above in the case of Complaints, and therefore need not be repeated here.

In our next article, we will present the new Chapter which it is proposed to add to the Form of Government, namely, Chapter XXVII "Of The Incorporation of the General Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries and Churches, and Their Members, Officers and Meetings, and of Church Property."

## Dr. Thompson Honored

A BEAUTIFUL and impressive service, though brief, occurred at the close of Monday morning's session of the Assembly, when the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the retiring moderator, Dr. W. O. Thompson, by Occidental College, of Los Angeles. After the formal adjournment of the session the Assembly platform was put at the disposal of the trustees of Occidental and Presi-

dent Remsen D. Bird appeared, followed by Dr. Robert Freeman, president of the college board of trustees, who escorted Dr. Thompson. The three were wearing academic cap and gown, set off in the case of President Bird and Dr. Freeman, by the brilliant colors of their doctor's hoods.

In a few well chosen words Dr. Freeman, in behalf of all the fifty-four colleges of the Presbyterian Church presented Dr. Thompson as a scholar, an administrator, a Christian minister and a universally respected leader in our great Church. Dr. Freeman said that Dr. Thompson needed no more degrees to enhance his personal high standing or wide influence, that he was not among those "who grew by degrees," but that both in recognition of his own personal worth and regarding him as a true representative of the many unseen, un-honored ministers of our Church, Occidental College, standing as the western representative of a far-flung line of Presbyterian colleges the land over, honored him and itself in this formal academic recognition. As President Bird hung over our retiring moderator's shoulders the doctor's hood, the entire Assembly, which had remained en masse to witness the ceremony, rose to its feet and vigorously applauded.



MODERATORS COMING AND GOING

Moderator-elect Robert Elliott Speer, D.D., LL.D., is presented to retiring Moderator Rev. William Oxley Thompson, D.D., LL.D., by Elder J. Willison Smith of Philadelphia Presbytery. Numerous friends in the largest of Synods, Pennsylvania, had advocated the nomination of Mr. Smith for Moderator. He declined to have his name presented and nominated Dr. Speer. This action, together with the seconding of the nomination by Rev. Hugh K. Walker, D.D., who was also mentioned for the office, was a big factor in making the election of Dr. Speer unanimous by acclamation. Mr. Smith is chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of General Council, was chairman of Assembly's Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation. He had much to do with the inception and completion of the New Service Pension Plan. At home he is an Elder and Superintendent of Sunday school in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and President of the West End Trust Company. Like Elder Will H. Hays he has done much for the Church they love and serve.

# What We Endured at Nanking

James M. Speers, Jr.

*Presbyterian Missionary at Nanking*

**T**HE story of Nanking is a two-fold one. At first glance it is a story

of tragedy and horror. But for those of us who went through that day, the tragedy is over-shadowed by the love of our Chinese friends who saved each one of us, sometimes at the risk of their own lives.

For weeks the Southern army had been pressing on, taking Hangchow, threatening Shanghai and pushing on toward Nanking from the southwest. Vast numbers of Northern troops had swarmed into Nanking and out to the South for the defense of the city, and with them were a number of White Russians.

On Sunday, March 20, came word of the collapse of the Shanghai front and the onrushing wave of the South toward Nanking. On Monday night the American Consul sent word advising all women and children to be ready to leave, and early Tuesday morning cars took most of the women and children to Hsiakwan. There they were on destroyers; on Friday morning they were taken to Shanghai. Three or four families did not go because sickness made evacuation seem impossible at that time.

The reason for evacuation was fear of looting by the Northern soldiers as they left the city and apprehension of trouble that might arise during the three or four days before the incoming Southern administration could begin to function. I had sent my own family to Shanghai a week before, largely because I did not want my wife and children to see some of the sights that go with looting and a turn-over of government, and not at all because I feared any danger for them. We feared the Northern soldiers to a certain extent, as any defeated army is always dangerous, but we never for a moment feared the South, as they had the reputation of never disturbing foreigners, of never looting, and of always insisting on law and order.

All day Tuesday and Wednesday the sound of heavy firing was heard from outside South Gate, the White Russians being largely responsible for the holding out of the city so long, but finally they were all butchered. At 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, word came that the Northern troops had retreated inside the South Gate and were fleeing through the city to cross the river. The fatal hour had struck but we hoped that the

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Southerners would push along so closely that the Northerners would have little chance to loot.

I was asked to go out to Ginling College to help patrol that institution during Wednesday night. There was a good deal of promiscuous shooting of rifles all night long, but with a large force of police and servants to notify us if anything happened, the three of us men went to bed and to sleep. During the night two men from the University came out to see if everything was all right and found three foreign ladies patrolling the campus and were told that the three men were asleep.

This looked bad for us but as a matter of fact the ladies had disobeyed orders which were to stay in the buildings. We believed that our arrangements were well made, which events proved to be true.

At 7:00 A. M. we were told that the last of the Northern troops had left the city and that the Southerners were already inside; so we all heaved a sigh of relief, thinking that the worst was over.

I went home to breakfast. It was a beautiful, warm Spring day with the sun slightly clouded but with the spring flowers and bushes just beginning to burst. Nothing was further from our thoughts than that we would all be in danger of our lives in a few minutes and that by the end of the day our homes would be empty shells.

After breakfast, about 7:45, I started for chapel, as usual, where I expected that the few remaining students would probably have a meeting of welcome for the South. As I passed Mr. Illick's house he came out and said that Northern soldiers were looting Dr. Daniels' house and perhaps we could help. So we went over there and found a squad of soldiers under the command of a corporal threatening five members of the University faculty, including Dr. Williams. Just before our arrival one of the soldiers had wanted to shoot Mr. Lowdermilk but the corporal had stopped him. We all thought they were Northern soldiers trying to escape and Dr. Williams told them that the Southerners would soon be in and that we would guide them out. We still did not dream of what was in store for us. But the soldiers insisted that they were Southerners and we noticed for the first time their cap badge which was the only distinguishing mark between the uniform of

**I**N SIMPLE, unaffected narrative Mr. James M. Speers, Jr., one of the missionary sons of the Vice President of the Board of Foreign Missions, gives a gripping account of events at Nanking. Greatest of all are the missionary spirit and conquering love which triumphed in the face of persecution.

the North and the South. But they seemed so uneasy and nervous that we still thought they were Northerners, trying to get away, and had stolen the badges to help themselves out. They insisted that we should go along with them, and as they were firing their rifles in the air from time to time, it seemed wise to obey. As we were passing the Illick house again, little Paul Illick, six years old, ran out shouting "Look at the soldiers." One of them instantly pointed his rifle at the boy and fired, shooting from the hip, the bullet fortunately going wild. But I heard the soldier mutter "*da sz wai guo ren*" (kill the foreigner). A moment or so later the soldiers began going through our pockets. One of them started to take Dr. Williams' watch. He did not resist in any way by pulling on the watch or touching the soldier's hand but said in a friendly way that the watch had been given him by his mother and he really didn't think the soldier wanted to take it. A soldier standing beside the looter threw up his rifle and without a word, fired in Dr. Williams' face, the bullet going in at the eye and out behind the ear. He did not die at once but was unconscious for about ten minutes and never suffered. The two soldiers immediately dropped down beside him and finished the job of going through his pockets. Then the whole group strolled off unconcernedly, seemingly not at all frightened by what they had done but chatting among themselves and firing their rifles in the air. I waited beside Dr. Williams for a few minutes while the others went for help and to notify the American Consul; then three Chinese teachers ran up and urged me to go home as all foreigners were in danger and assured me that everything necessary would be done for Dr. Williams.

At the Catholic Mission, where the Southerners came first, an officer led in a large number of soldiers and walking up to the four priests who came out to meet them, presented his pistol at the chest of the first priest and without any explanation, or making any demands, or saying as much as a single word fired, killing the priest instantly. He then fired at the second priest, wounding him so that he died in the afternoon. The other two priests had meanwhile taken to their heels, climbed the wall and run for their lives. They were hidden by Chinese Catholics and were gotten down in disguise to a French gunboat. The church and other buildings were meanwhile stripped of everything movable.

At the Episcopal Mission in South City the first Southern soldiers appeared at 6:45, although an amah is authority for the statement that at 4:30 the Southern soldiers were marching through the streets in an orderly way and made no attempt to loot or disturb anybody. The first group that came, claimed to be looking for Northern soldiers and Russians but helped themselves to anything that took their fancy. They were under the command of an officer who directed operations. The second group who appeared were very much rougher, composed of soldiers from Hunan Province who threatened Mr. Roberts and Dr. Ridgely with their bayonets and stripped them of everything down to their

underclothes, maintaining all the time that the two Americans were Russians. The neighbors poured in and began carrying off furniture. After Mr. Roberts had dressed again, a third wave of troops stripped him afresh and demanded impossible sums of money. Eventually a Korean officer arrived on horseback who drove off the soldiers and populace and allowed some of the Chinese Christians to outfit the two men with Chinese clothes. This officer told Mr. Roberts of the Southerners having found an Englishman among the Northern dead two days before, and so their orders were to be as fierce as possible to all foreigners because they had been helping the North. This was the first evidence that the ill treatment of foreigners was directed and ordered. This officer provided an escort for the two foreigners and they were driven in a carriage to Baile Hall. They had only gone a short way when they began to pass much of their furniture being carried along the road by looters.

Miss Lee at the Severance Hall Bible School was awakened by the looting at the Catholic Church nearby and was hidden by Chinese friends in a bamboo grove from which she saw the soldiers loot six foreign houses and two schools. A mob accompanied the soldiers but were entirely under their control and direction. The soldiers went in first and took the most desirable things and then invited the mob in to finish the job. In one case a woman pushed in before the soldiers had finished and they killed her on the spot. In addition to the property of the foreigners in these buildings, every scrap of wood of every sort was ripped out, including doors, window frames and floors. This lady was hidden by Chinese friends during the day and night, and next morning was found by a rescue party and brought to Baile Hall.

Mr. Pryor at the Methodist Boys' School had a terrifying time. He was threatened frequently by soldiers who were sure that as principal of a school he must have large sums of money. Chinese teachers and students tried to save him but the soldiers would not listen and finally tied his hands and marched him off. They eventually took him to the Bank where the soldiers made the clerks open the vault. They took two hundred dollars, overlooking a much larger amount which they might have had. Finally Chinese teachers got him away and hid him for the rest of the day and over night. He managed to get a note to his wife who was anxiously waiting for him in Baile Hall and the next morning he was brought in by a searching party.

At the Abbey house Miss Moffet, Miss McNull and Mr. Kepler were just finishing breakfast when the soldiers rushed in. There were six men but one of them was more fierce than the others. Mr. Kepler gave him \$120 but this did not satisfy him and he blazed away at Miss Moffet hitting her in the leg; as she did not fall, he fired again, hitting her in the abdomen inflicting a serious wound. Then he raised his rifle to the shoulder and took careful aim at Mr. Kepler, pulled the trigger, but the rifle clicked. Mr. Kepler, at Miss Moffet's direction, got a bag containing [Turn to page 415]

# Debts Paid Off

ONE of the most gratifying features of General Assembly was the report on the final liquidation of some heavy outstanding Church indebtedness. In fact it might almost be designated as "A Debtless Assembly."

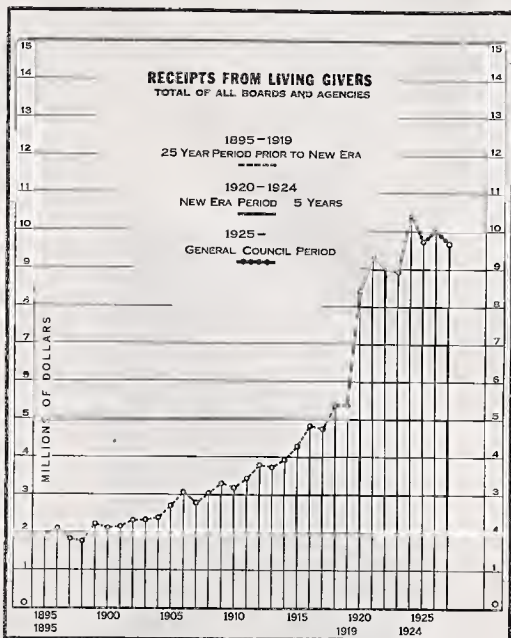
The first official statement of relief in this direction came early in the Assembly with the report of the General Council's Committee on Budget and Finance through its chairman, Elder J. Willison Smith. Mr. Smith announced that the entire New Era debt had been paid off. This goes back to those years when in connection with the efforts of the New Era Movement the benevolent receipts of the Boards were very greatly increased. The debt had amounted to \$596,000, which with interest of \$142,116 made a total of \$738,116. Payments had been in process on this debt over a period of five years. It was now reported paid in full.

At the same time Chairman Smith announced that the last Interchurch Certificate of Indebtedness had been taken up and that this entire debt which stood a year ago at a total of \$285,500 had also been paid in full.

When this last fiscal year closed on March 31, 1927 there remained an unpaid balance on this debt of \$133,300. The expected payments between March 31 and the date of the Assembly were predicted to leave still an unpaid balance of \$63,000 by Assembly time. It was a delightful surprise to the Assembly, therefore, when announcement was made that the entire amount had been paid off. This debt was the Presbyterian share of the unpaid underwritings of the expenses of the Interchurch World Movement of 1921, and the total had by agreement been apportioned among our different boards, to be cancelled by them as rapidly as possible.

These two financial encumbrances coming out of

the recent past are now cleared away by honorable payment. One of them, the expenses of the New Era movement, has been revealed by the records of our Church's benevolences to be closely associated with a new high level of giving that has never been lost and persists to this day. This is graphically portrayed in the printed Financial Supplement of the Report of the Program and Field Activities Committee of the General Council. There a chart (here reproduced) shows



how with the advent of the New Era period the benevolent receipts of the Church jumped suddenly to a remarkable increase. The gratifying thing is that the influence of this original impetus continues and, as the chart shows, this new level is being generally maintained in what is now termed the General Council period. In fact another graph in this report shows that of three major denominations in America the Presbyterian line of receipts is the only one which has not seriously dropped in the last six or seven years. The Northern Baptist line drops from over eleven million in 1921 to less than five in the last year. The Methodist Episcopal line drops from nearly sixteen million in 1920 to eight and a quarter of last year. The Presbyterian line, however, runs long from its new high level of eight and a third million in 1920 to a still higher level nine and a half as reported for 1926-27, revealing an actual increase.

But we are not yet through with our story of the liquidation of indebtedness. In terms of figures the full payment this year of the National Missions debt of \$968,644 is the biggest of all. This amount represented the accumulated deficit of this Board during the first two years after consolidation. As a matter of fact over a million dollars was raised in this connection (\$1,035,666), so not only was the total debt paid but a wholesome balance of \$67,000 was left over to be ap-

plied on the interest and other expenses. It was with great rejoicing that Assembly received this report, and that the Board of National Missions could announce that it came up to the Assembly entirely free of debt.

A splendid effort in this same happy direction appeared in the report relating to the Board of Christian Education. There the Assembly was told that although the receipts of this Board had this year fallen off \$41,338 from those of the year preceding, yet so efficient

had been the operation of the Board's administrative machinery that it had not only not increased its outstanding indebtedness but had actually reduced the total amount by \$18,010.

And all of this splendid record of financial accomplishments during the same year in which the magnificent sum of fifteen million dollars for the new pension fund had been oversubscribed! These indeed are heartening things our Church ought to know.

## Princeton Seminary Report

AS had been generally expected the Princeton Seminary matter brought forth the most vigorous debate of the entire Assembly. A committee of five had been appointed by last year's Assembly, meeting in Baltimore, to visit the Seminary and "make a sympathetic study of conditions affecting its welfare . . . and to cooperate with the Seminary leaders in striving to adjust and harmonize differences, and to report to the next Assembly."

The committee presented a printed report of 187 pages, and stated that it also had in reserve for reference if needed eight hundred typewritten pages of transcript of all of the many hearings it had held during the year. Of the printed book, the report proper takes up the first fifty pages, followed by an appendix containing many papers and records bearing on the subject.

In presenting this report to the Assembly, Dr. W. O. Thompson, whom the Baltimore Assembly had designated as chairman of the committee, called attention to the fact that no charge had ever been made against Princeton, but that the entire matter had originated within the Seminary itself. He said that the great question standing back of this matter was the right of the Assembly to control the theological seminaries of the church, a right which had always been clearly affirmed. The recommendations the committee proposed covered two items: first, a single rather than a double board of control; and second, that during the charter and organizational changes involved in this pro-

posed modification of management the *status quo* of the present faculty be preserved intact. "It is a matter of principle that is involved," said Dr. Thompson, "and I do not want to go into matters of personal relationships unless forced into it." The report proposed that in order to effect the changes recommended a new committee of eleven be appointed, to include the present committee of five and in addition two members

from the Seminary Trustees, two from the Seminary Directors and two from the Church at large, three of these to be ministers and three elders.

After this presentation of the committee's report a debate began which ran through three sessions of the Assembly, using what time could be found for it in the program previously arranged. We can but very briefly sketch the course of this debate. It began with Dr. Herbert Booth Smith, of Los Angeles, who spoke in favor of the committee's recommendations, giving among other reasons the obvious fact that the old plan had not worked successfully. He was followed by Dr. Rockwell S. Brank, of Summit, N. J., who offered a substitute motion to the effect that the proposed new committee be authorized simply to study the whole question and report to next Assembly, without being explicitly directed to work with the Seminary officials to bring about a one-board control. In other words, this Assembly ought not to commit itself to any one particular method of government at Princeton. To this Dr. Thompson replied that it was in effect, though not necessarily



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*"Master of Assemblies' does not adequately describe the Stated Clerk of General Assembly. The minute care with which each requirement in preparation for Assembly is met, the thorough organization, the expeditious movement of all business, the ease of manner, the graciousness of person, among many other factors, combine to put Dr. Mudge in the hearts of all Commissioners.*

in intention, a dilatory motion, which would only delay the final settlement of the matter; moreover, that any plan of reorganization would have to be presented for the final approval or disapproval of Assembly next year anyhow.

Dr. John B. Laird, of Philadelphia, who is both vice chairman of the Seminary Directors and one of the Trustees, supported this substitute motion and asked for another year of free study of the situation, maintaining that the chief difficulty was not in the administration but had its source in the faculty. On the other side of the question Chancellor William J. Holland, of Pittsburgh, himself an alumnus of Princeton, declared that from his own experience in academic administration he was convinced that a bi-cephalous form of school government was unwise and impractical.

Dr. David S. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, favored the substitute motion, saying that government by two boards was a long-standing principle of Presbyterian administration and should be given up, even in a Seminary, only after exceptional study, which he declared could not be given by a court of hundreds of persons such as the Assembly. At this point in the debate a motion to lay the substitute on the table was carried, immediately after which the first recommendation of the committee, authorizing a committee of eleven to proceed towards a plan of government by one board, was carried by a vote of more than two to one.

The next contest was on the remaining recommendation of the committee that no elections to faculty positions be ratified until the new plan had been worked out and put into effect. Dr. Thompson emphasized the fact that this did not remove any one from the faculty, nor make any other change, it simply would preserve the *status quo*. A year hence he hoped the enlarged committee would find it possible to bring in a unanimous report regarding reorganization; then faculty positions could be officially ratified. Until then the Directors could make temporary appointments, as they had often done before. Because by common consent the difficulties of the Seminary had their source in the faculty Dr. Thompson thought it especially advisable to allow the faculty to remain unchanged until questions of control had been fully determined. After debate, in which Dr. Robert S. Inglis, a Director, urged that no action be taken on this recommendation, Assembly voted by a larger majority than on the previous recommendation to adopt this item also. This completed the consideration of the Princeton Seminary question by the present Assembly, every member of which hoped that a year hence all problems would have been worked out to everybody's satisfaction and this historic and largest Seminary of our Church would be happily launched on a new era of service and prosperity.

Kansas City has over ten thousand children attending week day church schools. Over ninety per cent of the children in the public schools are attending these week day church school classes.



THE HON. WILL H. HAYS  
*Chairman of the Laymen's Committee which brought  
victory to the Pension Fund*

## Tulsa for Next Assembly

INVITATIONS from only two cities within the proper region were before Assembly's committee for the meeting place of next year's gathering,—Memphis, Tenn., and Tulsa, Oklahoma. The committee recommended Tulsa and Assembly so voted.

Tulsa calls itself "the oil capital of the world" because of its 1,500 different individuals or firms engaged in the oil business. It offers the accommodations of 4,000 rooms in almost one hundred hotels, the newest being twenty stories in height. Its 135,000 population supports forty-five churches. The First Presbyterian Church, with a membership of 3,082, has an auditorium seating 2,000, one chapel seating 900, and many smaller rooms. This community declares itself to be "the cleanest city in the world" and, contrary to the notion of many, maintains that its climate is "one of the best balanced and most temperate year-round climates of any locality in the southwest." All of these things the 1928 Assembly will have an excellent opportunity of discovering for itself.





THE 1927 GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.

This is a Constitutional Body of the Church with administrative, financial and promotional duties; also such special duties as General Assembly may commit to it.

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# For the Progress of the Church

## Portion of Report of Special Commission of 1925

THE Commission of Fifteen, appointed by the General Assembly of 1925, "to study the present spiritual condition of our Church and the causes making for unrest. . . . to the end that purity, peace, unity and progress of the Church may be assured," presented its second report to the Assembly on the second day. The report deals with further questions relating to the Church's polity; and, second, a consideration of the Church's progress.

Its length, twenty-eight pages, prohibits publication in full. It will doubtless be made available for general distribution to the Church. The second section, dealing with the Church's progress, is a consideration which reaches deeply into the life and thought of the Church. It is here reproduced as presented to the Assembly.

### Go Forward

Thus far in our reports we have considered the purity, peace and unity of the Church. We turn now to the thought of the Church's progress.

From of old God's Word to his people has been 'Go forward.' He calls the Church to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18), to increase in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10), to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men

(I Thess. 3:12), that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment (Phil. 1:9). The summons to such progress is very bold: 'Wherefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the teaching of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.' (Heb. 6:1, 2.) These foundations were securely laid. On them the Church was built, sitting still on no past obedience but running with patience the race set before her, 'looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.' (Heb. 12:2.) The whole New Testament conception of the Church is of a living, growing, advancing society bound together in Christ and moving forward with Him to the fullness of the truth and to the end of the world.

This road of progress is the way of escape from many things which mar the unity, purity and peace of the Church. The law of life for the Church is the same as the law of life for the Christian. 'One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.' (Phil. 3:13, 14.)

The days in which we live are challenging and forward-calling days. The forces which make for unrighteousness are alert and busy, and it behooves the Church also to be awake, and prayerfully active. The people of all our Churches, es-

pecially children and youth, are facing new and changing conditions demanding fresh and far-reaching application of the Gospel. We of the Presbyterian Church are sure of the Gospel and of its power to meet every new condition. The younger generation, however, needs to be both strengthened and guided in the intellectual understanding and practical application of the Christian faith. The spiritual interpretation of the universe is being assailed today by men who seek leadership over the mind of youth. A philosophy and especially a psychology which rule a personal God out of the world and make religious experience an illusion, have had wide currency. Economic and social theories which root themselves in class and race hatred have been prevalent in our literature. A theory of life which takes its motive from the desire to indulge in self-expression has captured the minds of thousands and has led to tragic and startling results.

The causes making for unrest in the moral and intellectual world are confined to no one section of the Church and to no one nation. The tides of truth and error break on every shore and what we think and say in America is said and thought in Japan and China and India. In some degree the anti-Christian movements now appearing in the Orient are related to the currents of naturalistic thought which flow through our own land. The Christian religion has always had to fight for its life, and each age has been compelled to fashion its own arguments and create its own defense. There is immediate need for a fresh and a compelling statement of the reasons for our faith. The Church is waiting for it, and the youth of our time are hungry to receive it. The Church must be set for the defense of the everlasting Gospel and must speak to the age in its own language. One cannot read the scholarly and majestic arguments of other generations without a thrill. There have been Christian giants among the scholars in every era of the Church's history, and one of the pressing needs in America and throughout the world is for a fresh and powerful Christian apologetic which will make its appeal to the perplexed mind of the modern world.

#### Equipped and Aggressive Leadership

This calls for thoroughly equipped and aggressive leadership. We need to lay hold upon the strongest of our young men for the Gospel ministry and for other positions of service in the Church. When things are being shaken and the intellectual and moral currents are running fast the witness of the ministry must be clear and its ranks full. We would have the youth of our colleges and congregations hear the call of God and know that the Presbyterian Church is vitally interested in their intellectual and spiritual problems and is eager to welcome them to places of great service in this world-wide spiritual warfare.

No low intellectual or spiritual standards for those entering the ministry will suffice. In other professions the courses of study are being enlarged and intensified. We have no data by which to judge accurately the scholastic preparation of those entering the Presbyterian ministry from other denominations, but the situation in regard to some of our own ministerial candidates is sufficiently disquieting. Of the total number of students, graduate and under-graduate, in our Presbyterian seminaries, only a few more than one-half are preparing for the Presbyterian ministry, and of these more than one-fourth have not completed a college course.

It is not necessary to elaborate statistics. The situation existing has been known for years. When education is so universal and our institutions of higher learning are thronged with ambitious youth, there must be some reason which the Church should seek out why young men not fully qualified are admitted to the ministry. The Presbyterian theory of the parity of the ministry presupposes uniformity of intellectual discipline and theological preparation. This has been the historic position of our Church. It was founded on sound scholarship; and we believe that to the relaxing of these standards may be traced some of the causes of unrest within the Church.

Grateful as we are for the strong and able young men of our generation who have entered and are now preparing to enter the ministry we are impressed with the necessity of maintaining and elevating the standard of requirements. Ultimate responsibility rests with the Presbyteries, and while there will always be provision for exceptional personalities, progress demands unyielding insistence upon a high degree of attainment on the part of the Church's official teachers and leaders.

#### Revival of Preaching

But scholarship alone will not make a Church; neither will it sustain a Church's life. There are other and higher qualifications for the important tasks and duties to which God is summoning us.

There must be a revival of strong, sound, scriptural preaching—far more earnest and expectant evangelistic preaching designed to win men to Christ as their Saviour and Lord, and stimulating every Church member to enlist in direct Christian effort to bring others to Christian faith and discipleship; a great volume of able and enlightening doctrinal preaching and instruction which grapples with the actual spiritual problems and intellectual difficulties of today and sets forth convincingly the solid and reasonable grounds upon which our Christian convictions rest; preaching that will send Church members to their Bibles and revive Bible reading and Bible teaching in the homes and in all the Church's services and schools, which will recover, and add to, old experience respecting spiritual worship and devotional life, which will renew the spirit of prayer and rekindle the waning flame upon the altar of the Christian household.

#### Regard for Presbyterian Polity

There must be a study by the Presbyteries of our constitution and government, that the large number of ministers who have come to us from other denominations may enter fully into the temper and character of our Church, and that our Presbyteries may preserve the forms of action which are natural to us and whose neglect is chargeable with some of the troubles from which we are now seeking a deliverance. The recovery by our Presbyteries of their true functions must be accompanied by an increase of local congregational efficiency which will bring the great body of our Churches to the level already reached by some which have set the highest standard.

#### The Present Corporate Task

There must be a sympathetic, intelligent and confident approach by the Church to the problems of education. The education of the present generation has passed too much into the control of forces which are indifferent or hostile to the Christian faith. If Christianity is not true it should be abandoned. But if it is true, as we know it to be true, and the truth without which the world cannot live, then this truth must be carried into every field of human life, into all types of human relationships for the righting of wrong and the achievement of good through the Kingdom of God. And especially must it be brought into the lives of young men and young women that they may find in it the guidance, without which they will surely wander, and the assured answer to their questions as to life's meaning and end.

There must be a more general acceptance by the Church of the principle of stewardship of life and wealth, and acceptance of the Gospel as a trust. Never was there a clearer or more commanding call that the Church advance in her organized corporate work at home and on foreign fields. With resourceful America on one side of the globe, and, on the other, contemplative India and progressive Japan and seething China, there flame before the faces of men the signal fires of a Providential purpose. God has given our Church all the equipment she requires for the fulfillment of her task with respect to that purpose. Now let her rise and go forward.

We call upon the Church to stand with unflinching loyalty in the abiding truth of the Gospel and with that truth in her keeping and in the power of the Holy Spirit [Turn to page 398]

## General Council's Report

THE high spot in the report of the General Council was the announcement of the payment in full of the old New Era and Interchurch debts, the details of which are stated elsewhere.

Dr. Swearingen for Council's Committee on Program and Field Activities, reported cuts in operating expenses and explained details of the work.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That the cooperative promotional activities of the General Council, as authorized by the Form of Government and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and as carried out through its Committee on Program and Field Activities as presented in its report, be approved.

That the operating budget be fixed as follows: A total sum not to exceed \$237,000 for the year June 1,

the Assembly expresses its appreciation of the growing spirit of cooperation, and in keeping with the action of the Assembly, 1926, and with the results achieved, wishes to recommend:

"(1) That all agencies of the Church unite in spirit and action in promoting the plan of one agency to which shall be committed the primary responsibility of securing the authorized benevolence budget of the Church.

"(2) That all promotional programs and appeals to the Church for the current budget be submitted to the General Council for the purpose of effecting their complete coordination."

Rev. James H. Speer, D.D., Associate Secretary of the General Council, was unanimously re-elected. Dr. Speer's duties are within the sphere of operation of the Committee on Program and Field Activities where he is responsible for the promotional work carried on by the Council.



JAMES H. SPEER, D.D.

*Associate Secretary of General Council, with responsibility for promotional work*

1927, to May 31, 1928; of which budget not to exceed \$12,000, if needed, shall be applied toward the expense of THE PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE.

That the second Sunday of March, 1928, be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday.

Several overtures relating to promotion work and the functions of the Council were before the Assembly. The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted a recommendation which was adopted and is as follows:

### Overtures 15-19

"Recognizing through the Overtures sent to the Assembly last year and this, that some dissatisfaction exists in the Church because of competitive instead of cooperative action in securing the budget of the Church,

## Important Resolutions

AMONG important actions of General Assembly were the following resolutions introduced by the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Be it resolved that this General Assembly again asserts its positive conviction of the abiding value of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and its unalterable opposition to its repeal or its nullification;

Second: That this Assembly deploras the lack of conscience on the part of many people generally regarded as upright and worthy citizens, who in their intimate social relations, use liquor as they please;

Third: That this Assembly calls upon every citizen to obey the law and to render all possible assistance in securing its enforcement.

Resolved, That the General Assembly takes note of the fact that a chief denial of our Christian faith lies in the hostile attitudes of nations and races and in their preparedness and continued preparation for war. We recognize that the same Christian principles of love, service and mutual trust that we profess and seek to practice in individual relationships are equally applicable to the relationships of nations and peoples;

We call upon our ministers to give diligent study to the application of the Gospel of Christ to the problem of war, and commend the government of the United States for its efforts toward the limitation of armaments and the peaceful settlement of all international disputes.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, convinced that the deepest interest of the Church today is in an awakened spiritual devotion to our Lord and the promotion of evangelism throughout the world, requests the Moderator at some time before the conclusion of this Assembly to set before the Assembly the spiritual objectives for the year, thus preparing our hearts and minds for the task to which we are soon to be summoned in an official letter from him.

## For the Progress of the Church

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to advance toward the accomplishment of her Divinely appointed task in the service of our generation by the will of God. We know that such a forward movement is not a matter merely of general appeal or Assembly resolution adopted at the suggestion of a Commission. Not by these, nor by might, nor by power, but by God's Spirit alone can the peace and purity and unity and progress of the Church be assured.

# Letters of a Well-Brought-Up Commissioner to His Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25.

DEAR SARAH:

Well, here I am safe and sound. In fact I got in yesterday, and would have written you sooner but I have been so busy pre-Assembly conferring that I feel as if I've done half my job already.

We're all here—at least it looks to me that way. Nearly the whole bloomin' thousand of us. Some came by rail, some by boat, some by motor; very few walked.

Happy crowd this. My! you should hear them greet one another when some preacher finds an old seminary mate or some pastor from the East discovers an elder from his former church in Iowa. Handshaking, handshaking everywhere. But then they've grown up on it.

And talking, of course. Leave it to them. Always starts out with questions, always two of them, and always the same two. Every other man you meet asks, "Well, who's going to be moderator?" and the intervening fellows take you a step or two aside and confidentially inquire, "Say, how's this Princeton matter coming out?" There you have it—that is you have the starters. What follows for 15 or 20 minutes is more than I have time to write out even for you.

Great place, this San Francisco. And, say, the location of the Assembly meetings couldn't be beaten anywhere. This town has what they call a "civic center," right in the middle of the business section. A good sized park, green-grass covered; walks and benches, trees, flowers and two big fountains. Surrounded by a commanding group of public buildings. First of all is our auditorium, of which more later. Then comes the great city hall, with a dome 37 feet higher than the capitol building at Washington and reminding you of a palace inside,—the most beautiful interior I've ever seen. On another side is a large official state building; next to that the immense city and county library. Wonderful setting for a convention, what!

And the folks seem to know we're here. Along their main business street (called Market as usual) large U. S. and church flags are hung alternately. Above the auditorium building, four sets of these two great flags fly side by side. I looked into the auditorium and there I saw the two again up against an immense organ back of the platform. It all looks

good to me. A man told me that out in the famous and immense Golden Gate Park he had seen a large flower bed set with growing posies to read "Welcome Presbyterians." Now what do you think of that!

This is the place, you know, that was all ruined not many years ago by earthquake and fire—mostly fire. But you wouldn't suspect it now. Great, substantial buildings, running up in-

to the sky, streets and streets lined with them. Everything new looking—and prosperous. The size of the place and the activity everywhere reminds me of Chicago. So do the wind-swept streets. But this town looks clean. And the wind has a wholesome kick in it that tells you it comes fresh over the hill from the old ocean,—the great original civilizer. I'm glad I'm here, and wish you were with me. Many of the commissioners have brought their wives.

Now, Sarah, you'll get the big news from our daily, so I'll confine my hasty letters mostly to the side-lines and the more human things you'd like to hear about. By the way, for lunch I had an abalone steak—my first. Cross section from the big muscle that makes up most of the abalone. You know those two large beautiful shells in Aunt Jane's parlor—well, I ate what holds them together. Cut thin, pounded thinner, fried in batter. Tender? Sweet? My first—but not my last.

Good-bye,  
HENRY

FRISCO, THURSDAY, MAY 26.

DEAR SARAH:—

Well, we've opened the Assembly—and in fine shape. This morning Dr. Thompson preached a real Gospel sermon with old time unction. I'm sending you a copy provided free by our General Assembly Publicity Department. And after the sermon that beautiful and impressive communion service! They say it was the largest ever served at any Assembly—nearly 5,000 partook. Then this afternoon we elected our new Moderator. You've had it all in your paper. A great man—in the right place. A man of God, a man of vision, a man of consecrated mentality. The Church will stand with him and follow his leadership, that I know.

I wish I could give you a picture of the immense auditorium where we met today. The building itself is the gift of the Panama-Pacific Exposition to the city. Four stories high, with a tremendous auditorium in the center running up through all four stories. It's built for just such large gatherings as this of ours. I found out there are eleven halls in this building, each holding somewhere from 400 to 1,000 people. And there are also 19 committee rooms. Just what this Assembly

needs. So every little committee has a housing of its own—and the big ones, too. Great, wide corridors, and plenty of them; dozens of exits; fine light.

I asked the head janitor how many the auditorium itself would hold. He told me 13,500, the balconies alone taking care of 4,800 of these. But the sides and back of both the main floor and the balconies can be shut off by special curtains, thus reducing the



THE ASSISTANT CLERKS OF THE 139TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Upon nomination of the Stated Clerk assistants are elected to help expedite the business of General Assembly. The Assistant Clerks for 1927 were (left to right): Rev. William B. Pugh, pastor of Beacon Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, designated as "Document Clerk"; Rev. William P. Finney, D.D., Manager of Department of Historical Research and Conservation of the Office of General Assembly, who as editor of the "Digest" is a consultant on the law of the Church; Henry Barraclough, Manager of Department of Administration of the Office of General Assembly, who stenographically reports and reads the minutes daily; and Rev. John C. Finney, Director of Religious Education in Bronx Memorial Church, Baltimore, in charge of reports for distribution and files of commissioners.

capacity to a comfortable 4,000. These balcony curtains don't look like curtains at all—more like decorated walls. And if they're down and you need more room you simply press a button, and presto! in five seconds you've almost doubled your seating capacity.

Back of the main platform, which itself has as much floor space as our church auditorium at home, is the immense Austin organ, the second largest west of the Mississippi when it was installed; costing \$90,000, and originally built for the Exposition. The ceiling of this great room is hung with a softly decorated canopy of some sort that gives you a sense of warmth and beauty without killing the sound of the speaker's voice. In fact I am surprised how well you can hear at any position in the house. The battery of eight amplifiers helps out on this. Taking it altogether if they were to build a structure especially for the Assembly I for one don't see how they could have made a better fit. Many of the old-timers say the Assembly has never had a better set-up.

Well, I must close. There's not much news in this letter, but you'll get all that from the copies of the Assembly Daily which I'm mailing you right along. A great idea, that Daily News. Saves time, avoids misunderstanding, gives us prompt and dependable information. It's waiting for us in our seats when we arrive every morning. Some Publicity Department, I call it.

By the way, I tried another Spanish dish last night: I ate a tamale (pronounced taw-maw-lee, emphasis on middle syllable). Corn meal, and small bits of chicken, and olives, and goodness knows what else all wrapped up in thin layers inside a dozen sets of corn husks, and served hot. Those old Spaniards surely went in for high tastes and hot. Well, I'm still alive, and feeling fine, just the same.

Good-bye,  
HENRY

FRIDAY, MAY 27.

DEAR SARAH:—

Powerful busy today, and some tired. It's no picnic to go to meetings all morning, all afternoon and all evening, several days running. Especially when you preface it with two full days of pre-Assembly conferring, which I found took a bit of tuck out of me in advance.

But say, I'm looking for the fellow who said Presbyterians were cold and distant. Why I've never been treated so royally before in my life. All kinds of cordiality,—it's in the air out here. And better still—all sorts of thoughtfulness for our comfort and convenience. Just let me describe one little thing.

When I enrolled they gave it to me. A blue-tinted, gold-embossed, vest-pocket hand book, just stuffed with the very things we helpless innocents need to know. Courtesy of the San Francisco Theological Seminary—think of that! I never knew a theological seminary could be so human.

Here in this little compendium that runs merrily from the year's calendar inside the front cover to the map of Frisco folded up inside the back cover we have next to everything. The things we ought to see, and how to reach them by rail, water or footwork. Where all the car lines run to, and how to find our hotel when we get lost. And here we learn how to eat linguistically,—that is in Italian, in French, in Spanish, Japanese, Chinese or Russian—for they're all here. And better still—how to eat financially,—that is, where to eat before the expected check arrives, where to eat a la California (meaning cafeteria), where to eat when we want to celebrate, and where to eat when we want what we want.

But that's not all. In this book you can scan the lists of all the Church's former moderators, you can curiously study the strength of Presbyterianism in San Francisco, you can find out just what the Assembly is scheduled to do hour by hour each day, and incidentally you can learn a lot about this Seminary itself. All illustrated with cuts and maps, and written up with characteristic California modesty.

But that's not all. In the back are blank pages headed for use as a daily diary already dated, others ruled for your expense account, and still others entitled "Report to Presbytery."

(Query: Why more pages for expenses than for Presbytery?)

A great little book, Sarah. Just another evidence of the way we were thought about before we came and the way we're being taken care of since we arrived. In fact the only thing this glad hand committee overlooked in their handbook was to insert a strip of street car tickets, a 49c stamp book, and a sheaf of prepaid meal checks. But to make up for that they gave us some extra pages on which to write our expenses!

Well, tomorrow afternoon they take us a long auto trip all over this place. If I don't get lost in Chinatown I'll write you about that trip.

Good-bye once more,  
HENRY

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

DEAR SARAH:—

I've had my trip, and before I go over to the men's banquet let me tell you a little about it. I'll just pick out some of the best things. For the first time I got a general idea of this big city as I looked down on it from Twin Peaks, standing up like a small mountain right in the middle of things. There I saw San Francisco built around on all four sides of us. And westward lay the Pacific, eastward the great bay, a land-locked harbor that could hold easily all the navies of the world. Connecting them was the beautiful Golden Gate, three-fourths of a mile across at the narrowest point. Down to the south runs the peninsula, on the bulging northern tip of which this town is built.

On the way up to the peaks we stopped at the old Mission, Dolores, one of a chain of 21 that the padres built on a road they laid out (El Camino Real—The King's Highway) running from San Diego nearly 600 miles up to this section. The Mission is built of adobe; walls four feet thick. Here is buried the first governor of California under the Mexican regime.

But what struck me most was Golden Gate Park. Running back from the ocean over four miles, half a mile or more wide, a thousand and ten acres; fifty years ago it was nothing but a barren stretch of sand dunes; today it's a work of art, green everywhere, and green the whole year round. Perfect lawns, great meadows, lakes tucked in here and there, dozens of playgrounds, flowers in bewildering abundance, forests of trees, magnificent public buildings, miles of roads and shaded walks and comfortable seats—and not a single "Keep off the grass" sign anywhere. Everything has been brought in, even the soil; and yet you would swear nature did it all. The Scotchman who began to lay it out and develop it fifty years ago is still on the job. Some job! They had to drag me away.

Well, at the other end of the city I drove over the crest of Telegraph Hill where the streets, lined with immense office buildings, run perpendicular and are negotiated only by cable cars. The hill so named because in the early days a man on top would signal down to the old town on the inner bay whenever he saw a ship sailing in through the Golden Gate.

And I strolled along Grant Street and took in Chinatown—the largest and best outside China, with some improvements at that. I had a hard time making myself believe I was still in the old U. S. A. On the edge of Chinatown they showed us the Occidental Home for Chinese Girls, a Presbyterian institution, housed in a modern four story building to which the superintendent, Miss Donaldina Cameron, takes the girl slaves that appeal to her for help. These girls are brought over from China by the Tongs, to be bought, sold, owned and bartered. Miss Cameron has swift cars on call and with the backing of the police she goes right into the dens and gets her girl. If you want some thrilling stories, see her. These girls eventually go out into responsible positions or to make homes of their own. I was glad I saw this unique and important piece of work our Church is backing.

Well, I wanted to tell you of things going back to the olden, golden days, but I haven't time. I passed the First Presbyterian Church, a substantial structure, the congregation of

which was organized in the magic year of 1849—the first Protestant church in San Francisco. Started in a tent; brought its first building in sections around the Horn. But enough—I'm off to the big man's banquet, so big this year that they are putting us into two different dining rooms in the Palace Hotel. The music and the speeches will be served twice, once to each crowd; everything repeated, except the food, and that'll be duplicated!

Say, Sarah, this town's getting hold of me. Boy! but I like this clear, clean, bracing air, served you free day after day. I wonder how much we could get for the old farm?

Good-bye,

HENRY

MONDAY, MAY 30TH.

DEAR SARAH:—

It's all right to hear two full grown sermons and three or four Board talks on one Sunday, but I'll tell the community that it takes away some of my ordinary Monday morning pep. However, I generated somewhat of a fresh supply this morning during the second round of the Princeton debate. But I'll say this for these men who seem so earnest over one side or the other of that question—they're gentlemen and Christians, and every one of them has a deposit of humor laid down somewhere in his system.

And while I'm saying things I want to declare that of all masters of assemblies I have ever seen in action Moderator Robert Speer stands at the head. He knows the rules of the game, even some of the obscure ones, and he knows how to apply them with firmness but absolute impartiality. There were some spots in today's discussion where a little slip on the Moderator's part might have been fatal. My hat's off, all right!

I wandered around the stationary pictures today. Meaning the Assembly exhibit section. Housed in a large room that would seat 1,000, the exhibit gives you plenty of space to meander and see without tramping on men's toes or pecking between women's hats. The four main sections of the exhibit are taken respectively by our four Boards, each with a different sort of display. Some of these exhibits are pretty ingenious; some add action to color and form and consequently get more attention.

But what struck me most was a series of large pictorial wall panels hanging in a long line around all four sides of the room. I counted about 65 of these. They outline the story of the work of our church, regardless of Boards, from its beginning up to the present. I noticed it started off with a picture of a "Presbyterian Massachusetts Colony" meeting back in 1628. Just wait 'till I tell that to our Congregational preacher back home! I always suspected his folks didn't own the Mayflower. Each panel is different, most of them illustrated, and all of them taken together give a fine and interesting running comment on the development of Presbyterian service to America and the world—more complete and striking than I have ever seen anywhere before. The very accommodating man in charge told me this series was to be displayed at several of the big cities where we have a lot of churches. It's well worth taking around for our people to see—and study.

Incidentally, I found out that it's from the tables of free literature in this room that those stuffed and bulging pockets are replenished which I see squeezing many a weary commissioner between them and dragging him around the halls—But don't get me started on Assembly free literature, for it's late and I not only want early dreams but kindly ones.

Once more—Good-bye,

HENRY

TUESDAY, MAY 31.

DEAR SARAH:—

I've never attended a large gathering of any kind before where so much attention was given to the details of the program—and you know I've seen some big meetings in my day. I'm thinking especially of the popular meetings, which come every evening, with Sunday afternoon thrown in.

Take for instance the matter of ushers. About every night we are shown to our seats by some different national costume—Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese. And it's not all in the clothes, either. Last evening for instance about forty real Japanese girls helped us along, all dressed in the best Tokio. Say, I saw a pretty thing at that National Missions meeting last night. There were two little Japanese women slowly leading an old bent-over negro mammy down the aisle—to hear a full-blooded Navajo Indian sing "The Lord is My Light" in English. I guess friend Kipling will have to revise his famous lines about the East and the West not issuing transfers, eh? But then, he'd never attended a Presbyterian General Assembly.

Now, another thing—take the music. Some good woman has put a lot of thought and work on to this part of the job. You're so interested in music—I only wish you could have heard that negro quintet from Johnson Smith University, North Carolina, sing last night. We kept those boys at it until after ten o'clock. When you weren't cracking your face with smiles you were wiping your eyes. And on the same program was this Navajo I mentioned; and also the Japanese national anthem by 60 of the nationals, in national dress. Perfectly willing to stand up through all of that! But your musical soul would have enjoyed those combined Welsh choirs from Oakland and Frisco. You know it has been whispered over the country that the Welsh can sing. Now I know it.

But I know when the tears would have filled your eyes, Sarah, dear girl, and that's when those sixty lads from the Los Angeles Welsh church sang to us. My child, but that was music! There was once when I looked up at the ceiling to estimate just how much it would damage me if I went that way! No jazz with that boys' choir; not even ditties and lullabies. Real Music. But then I ought not to torment you with such descriptions.

To come back to every day life, I want to say that I've never been at a gathering before, anywhere from a camp meeting to the National Republican Convention, when there was always a pianist when they needed one, an organist when they thought they ought to have one, and a preceptor when a song needed presenting. I wonder if they slept in the hall? Well, if they didn't, I feel as if I almost have; but I think I'll try the good old hotel sheets tonight. So here goes!

Good night,

HENRY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

DEAR SARAH:—

Well, we're through. Finished before one this noon—half a day ahead of schedule. Some time this last morning will be cut off, and then an entire day will be saved. It is generally conceded that the improved facility, smoothness and speed with which this big strange-to-one-another gathering works is due to our Stated Clerk, if so, he surely deserves a lot of praise. There's somebody back of all this noiseless machinery.

Of course, no one can lay out a docket for this group with absolute certainty, for there's the inevitable annual debate on some question or other (generally doctrinal, I'm told). And it's all right. For when it's over everybody has the same sort of feeling an engine has after the safety valve has been working freely.

We closed strong. A few troublesome points growing out of yesterday's procedure with the report of the Permanent Judicial Commission were all settled by agreement this morning as Assembly followed the wise and spiritual lead of the Moderator. What was that text our preacher used a few months ago—something about "coming to the kingdom for such an hour as this?" Well, that's our Moderator. So the last great emphasis was not on technicalities but—far more fittingly—on world-wide missions. At the popular meeting last night, four splendid addresses. No hysteria; just lots of timely facts forcibly driven home. And again this morning, when the Foreign Missions committee reported. It was more like a revival meeting (the safe and sane sort) than a business

session. Many were wiping their eyes—all were touched. And the Moderator's address will be printed and sent to every minister and elder in the Church.

Some more fine music last night. Sixty Chinese in costume sang—what do you think? Part of an oratorio from Beethoven, and an anthem by Stainer! Wonderfully well done. The combined choirs of the Chinese Presbyterian churches of Frisco and Oakland and the Ming Quong Girls' School.

That set me to looking up this school. It's across the bay in Oakland, one of San Francisco's bed rooms. In a splendid new building with three acres of land. A shelter for Chinese girls—orphans, homeless or abandoned—including babies. A Presbyterian institution. Here these girls are brought up as Christians, then go out to serve Christ in some of the many Chinese communities of this coast.

Well, Sarah dear, tonight I'm off to visit Kathryn; then home. Now I want to make a confession, Sarah. For the last few days I've been looking everywhere for some one who would trade me a California bungalow for a farm back in our state. But for some reason I haven't found a soul. Queer!

Well, I'm glad Assembly's over. It was a great meeting. Unity, consideration for one another, a forward look, a constructive program, and a strong spiritual emphasis. For instance—do you remember what our preacher told us of the stormy times out of which that special Committee of Fifteen arose a year or two ago, and how they tried to study the peace and unity of the church when those qualities seemed lost in thunder and lightning? Well, at this Assembly they brought in their final report. And as Dr. Swearingen read paragraph after paragraph full of deep religious feeling, a woman sitting next to me leaned over and asked, "Who is that evangelist speaking?"

It was a wonderful gathering while it lasted, this Assembly. And it lasted long enough. I don't see how I could have stood another day. I'm amazed at the capacity of humans (the civilized sort) to absorb talk! I wonder is it a disease, or just an acute condition produced to meet the expectations of the occasion? Me for the dumb cattle for a while, to think over what I've heard and try to get some of it into my system.

Good-bye, Sarah,

And good-bye, old San Francisco,

HENRY



REV. WARREN  
H. LANDON,  
B.D., LL.D.,  
*The President of San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo was appointed Vice Moderator of General Assembly. Dr. Landon is a former pastor of First Church of Portland, all of whose pastors have rendered distinguished service to the Church at large.*

## Pensions Begin

RESOLUTIONS of General Assembly affecting the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation and the New Service Pension Plan are as follows:

That the General Assembly confirms the election of the Rev. Andrew Mutch, D.D., as president of the Board.

That the General Assembly instruct the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to take immediate steps to have its corporate title changed to: The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

That the General Assembly urge every church which is responsible to it to agree to cooperate in the New Service Pension Plan at the earliest possible moment; calling the attention of all such churches, their sessions and boards of trustees and congregations to the fact that the New Service Pension Plan has been the duly authorized pension policy of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. since the meeting of the General Assembly at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the said Plan was regularly and unanimously adopted.

That the New Service Pension Plan be declared operative as of April 1, 1927, with payment of the 7½ per cent and 2½ per cent contributions and annuities beginning October 1, 1927.

That March 31, 1928, be set as the closing period of one year from the date of the inauguration of the New Service Pension Plan, during which anyone eligible for membership in the New Service Pension Plan may consummate his membership and receive credit for such prior service.

That the Laymen's Committee be authorized to transfer all funds, pledges and securities now on hand, or to be hereafter received, to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

## Adieu San Francisco

WE left you with a pang in our heart. You are beautiful, hospitable, serene by your Golden Gate. They do you injustice who insinuate you are entirely materialistic and careless of the better things. There may have been an old San Francisco of a different sort from the new city. But Frisco of today is no mean city. We utterly fail to understand why the local committee sent us such a sparse article on their city for the Pre-Assembly issue.

San Francisco may boast of its Mayor, James Rolph, Jr., holding office for sixteen consecutive years. A man has to be mighty bad or mighty good to do that. With Mayor Rolph it's a case of mighty good. He is an Episcopalian vestryman of Scotch antecedents and Presbyterian affiliations. In his address of welcome to the Assembly he paid tribute to his mother and her devout Presbyterianism.

# Century and a Quarter of National Missions

From Many Angles Commissioners and Visitors Are Shown the Vast Work of Church



REV. HUGH K. WALKER, D.D.  
*The pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, was chairman of the Standing Committee on National Missions. Dr. Walker was freely mentioned by many as a desirable man for the Moderatorship. He contributed much to the unanimity of Assembly by refusing to be nominated and by seconding the nomination of Dr. Speer.*

EVERY corner one turned at Assembly one bumped into some aspect of the extensive missionary and benevolent work of the Church's great boards. If any one escaped inoculation, he must have been immune to those qualities of heart, mind and eye which, as hinted by Emerson, lay the universe at one's feet. Let the case of National Missions suffice to show how the activities of Assembly were permeated by missionary and educative features.

If on hand the day before Assembly officially opened, one might attend a two-hour conference on the program and problems connected with cultivating interest in the individual church for National Missions (or any board since each held a similar conference). This is in addition to the united conference on Tuesday and a part of Wednesday devoted to Evangelism, and a united conference late Wednesday afternoon given over to matters of common interest, advocated by the General Council. To add good measure a mass meeting was held in the evening.

"Barkers," signs, leaflets, numerous announcements, if not innate curiosity, lured one into Larkin Hall, official home of exhibits. Here again by visualization of many sorts one got the story of missions, east and west, up and down. One should read what Commissioner Henry wrote home about exhibits.

Sunday afternoon National Missions conducted a ser-

vice which was interspersed with those of two other boards, while the Board of Education held sway in the evening. Enough, you protest! Not by far. Comes then a popular evening meeting, preceding the day when the Board made its annual report to the General Assembly. In these latter meetings men and women from the fields of service took a prominent part. They witnessed to the work actually done and they brought good tidings of accomplishments. Pageantry and demonstrations were sometimes employed.

Each board had two hours in which to present its report and any necessary business to Assembly. The reports were rendered by the Standing Committees and officers and executives of the boards were invited to participate. So it was a process of inoculation by subcutaneous injection. The great work of the Church does get under your skin. One may also say it is a process of infusion for the earnestness and consecration of missionaries and all workers filled one with a renewed sense of privilege and obligation.

This year the report of National Missions was largely a celebration of its one hundred and twenty-five years of service. Dr. W. O. Thompson delivered the address, in part, as follows:

The genius of the Presbyterian Church has found expression in a great system of theological doctrine perhaps the most complete statement of Calvinistic theology to be found in any one of the creeds of Christendom. In the second place, Presbyterianism has developed a comprehensive system of representative government reaching from the local church to the highest expression of the Church's organization, namely, the General Assembly. This form of government is a democratically controlled republic. It recognizes the source of authority to be in the people. It recognizes character and responsibility in the officially selected representative. It is based upon the parity of the ministry with a full recognition of the equal official authority of the ruling elder selected by the people and appointed as their representative in presbyteries, synods and Assembly. Provision is made for a system of complaints and appeals by which the rights of the individual are carefully observed and his right to have his case adjudicated in the highest authority of the church carefully maintained. It is probably true that this system of representative government springing from the people is the most effective and satisfactory form of popular government in operation in the world today. The correspondence in its genius to the constitution forms of govern-



ment is so close that no other form of government is more in accord with political institutions under which we live.

The third feature of Presbyterianism lies in its Church polity. Through this organization the orderly processes of law and government find expression so that all the institutions and activities of the Church are found to be in harmony with the great central principles of responsible membership in a closely knitted organization.

Another feature through which the genius of Presbyterianism has expressed itself will be found in the character and quality of Christian developed under her strong theology and her responsible government. Her members have partaken of the spirit of her theology and her government. The result has been strength of character, some rigidity in expression, a deep-seated loyalty to the principles of good government, and a readiness at any time to go into a conquest with all commerce in defense either of her faith or her principles of government. It is not offensive at this day to say with great plainness of speech that historically speaking the representative Presbyterian has been characterized by strength, solidity, loyalty and courage.

Still another feature has frequently been mentioned, namely, the spirit of patriotism and devotion to the great principles of civil and religious liberty. The history of our independence, the War of the Revolution, and all other contests where great principles were at stake as historians have declared have revealed the Calvinistic Christians, particularly the Scotch-Irish and their natural allies as the most courageous fighters and

stoutest defenders of our country in these great contests. The Presbyterian does not fight simply for the sake of having a fight, but once convinced that a principle is at issue, and his life is on the altar that moment.

Another characteristic feature finds expression in loyal service. These two words might well be separated into loyalty and service, but I prefer to unite them in the idea of loyalty in service. The Presbyterian Church has the word loyalty "writ large" in all her enterprises. Service is great objective for both the individual and the church. Loyalty in that service characterizes the good soldier of Jesus Christ. No apology will ever be accepted in Presbyterian circles from men or women having in them the yellow streak of disloyalty and lack of responsibility. An intelligent loyalty and responsible service is written on every flag carried to the front in the promotion of any great cause.

One more feature may be suggested, namely, the spirit of sacrifice in all Christian service. Founded as this church is in a great theology starting with the sovereignty of Almighty God and coupling with it the freedom of man there is always the voice of authority and the free accepting of that authority in service. Presbyterianism therefore must think in terms of great-mindedness of God and the free responsibility of men. There can be no provincialism or narrow boundaries fixing the limits of the thought of God. Nor can there be any small conception of the duty of men. Accordingly a free response to the will of God in the affairs of the world renders an intelligent Presbyterian a man with a mission, an ambassador for

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God, a constructive citizen who builds the invisible temple of government, a herald of the cross who carries the light of truth to the ends of the earth.

It is well worth our time to reflect for a moment upon the fact that the early immigrants of Presbyterian faith were men in whom the principles just announced found an excellent expression. Whatever else they were, it must be admitted that they were men of faith, of devotion to principle recognizing the supremacy of God, the opportunity for men courageously devoted to the principle of civil and religious liberty. They believed in the authority of God and the authority of His word. The Bible was to them the final authority.

Puritan in their origin, as most of them were, they suffered the persecutions due to the narrow vision of political rulers and to the spirit of vengeance characteristic of small minds in government. Those who were not Puritans were men who accepted the Reformed Faith as their great system of theology, and who, under the pressure of persecution found themselves in close fellowship with those whose earlier experiences had been somewhat dissimilar. Out of the mistakes of both Church and State there was developed the love of freedom, a loyalty to the Reformed Faith and a devotion to responsible government that made the coming of these Puritans and their natural allies to the United States one of the great and outstanding features of our early settlements.

It is not possible on an occasion like this to descend into the particulars of early ecclesiastical history. The most that can be undertaken will be to point out some of the character-

istic and the persistent features of the history of the church.

One of these was the insistence upon an educated and pious ministry. The first Presbytery organized by Francis Makemie and his colleagues occupied almost a year in the licensure of the first candidate. We may not in these days be in entire accord with the deliberateness of the pioneer time, but we are bound to commend them for their conservative judgment. A second feature of these times was found in the fact that all these men regarded themselves as missionaries. Francis Makemie favored with some personal fortune devoted his life as an apostle to the widely scattered groups of Christian people. He not only traveled along the Atlantic Coast at a time when transportation was anything but easy, but also made the journey back and forth to the mother country in the interests of the colonial Christians.

It is interesting to observe that in these pioneer times the spirit of missions took several forms. First there was the mission to the Indian. John Eliot, a man of piety and heroism, was the mainspring who came as the great apostle to the Indians as early as 1631. He early formed the conception of translating the Bible into the Algonquin language. After him is the name of David Brainerd, who a century later was ordained as a missionary to the Indians. The Presbyterian Church has never from that day until this completely lost its contact with the Indian.

As early as 1724 certain men proposed to send missionaries to Africa. The plan was approved and an appeal made for help in Scotland. Although this project was never carried

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through, owing to wars and rumors of wars, the fact is significant as showing the impulse of missions both at home and abroad among the most conservative and most stable men in the Colonial period for a century prior to our Declaration of Independence.

It is out of this missionary spirit joined with the genius for organization that enabled the early Puritan along with his neighbors having a similar faith, to develop a plan of church extension resulting in the local presbytery, the more comprehensive synod, and a conception of a General Assembly binding together the great concept of a National Church. It was out of this genius of organization that the Presbyterian Church, true to her ideals, early formed her boards and agencies, such as the Board of Education, chiefly interested in the training of young men for the ministry, and the Board of Missions, chiefly interested in the problems of Church Extension. The effort to build and develop churches was uppermost in the minds of the early ministry. Preaching, catechising and organization were the characteristic features of these pioneer preachers. The desire for education following the great revival under the Tennants led to the founding of Princeton. John McMillan, with his log college in Western Pennsylvania, was a prophecy of the greater conquest that education should have with the increasing population of the country.

The Home Missionary followed the pioneers with equal zeal. No man ever questioned the patriotism of the home missionary nor the loyalty of his citizenship. He was the apostle of religion, of education, of good government, of good morals, and of a Christian society. It is not humiliating but a matter of much happiness of mind that from the very beginning practically all of the Presbyterian churches were missionary churches. Only here and there, and then chiefly in the later days, have churches arisen from which their very origin were self-supporting and strong enough to extend a helping hand to other less favored communities. It is well for us to understand therefore that the spirit and genius of the Presbyterian Church can never be understood until we read with intelligence the history of the great cause of Home Missions in its effort to bring this nation to the feet of Christ.

The Western movement was a stirring period in the last half of the Nineteenth Century. After the close of the Civil War there sprang up in the Middle West and the Far West a great revival in the interests of the public schools and popular education. The steady stream of immigrants flooding the prairies of the West and pushing into all the unoccupied territory marked an era of agricultural development, the building of towns and cities, the development of railroads and all the activities which go with a new and rapidly building society. Among these thousands of people were many of the children of the Church. The home churches from which they emigrated felt the loss, and at the same time the obligation to follow their children by providing the means of worship and the opportunity for Christian association. The Home Missionary enterprise, therefore, as it spread over the great West, carried both Christian and patriotic motive. The appeal was made countrywide in the interests of the young men and women migrating to cheaper land and newer communities where they might build their homes and erect their churches. The East responded with a Christian enthusiasm. This period marks great increase of gifts to the cause of Home Missions and at the same time the development of an effective organization to occupy the land.

It was common to speak of this movement in terms of heroism and sacrifice. That was true. The chapters of heroic service by men and women have never been completely written. They never will be. The sacrifices of hardships of the pioneer are unknown to people who live in relative comfort. It has a quality all its own. This suggests that in all these lacks of organized comfort there was a cheerful, helpful, hopeful spirit that conquered every condition. These families took their religion, their education, their new surroundings with the most cheerful attitude of mind. This was so characteristic of the

pioneer that he almost forgot his troubles. In fact, many of these people were so happy in their deprivations that they lost any desire to return to the older order of things in the East.

The story of the personnel in the enterprise of Home Missions carries a high enthusiasm. The earlier names are interesting chiefly for the historical record they have made. The memory of this generation, however, goes back to the Civil War period, and recalls the names of Henry Kendall, Cyrus Dickson, William Charles Roberts, William Irwin, Duncan J. McMillan, the brilliant Christian statesman Charles L. Thompson, John Dixon, the outstanding laymen in work for the young people, John Willis Baer, Joseph Earnest McAfee, Baxter P. Fullerton and the present force, John A. Marquis, John McDowell and William R. King. No succession of officials ever carried greater confidence or were inspired by more truly Christian and patriotic motives than this group of men.

Associated with this line of distinguished secretaries the earlier days called forth a group of synodical home missionaries, as they were then called, who revealed not only evangelical earnestness, but ecclesiastical statesmanship in the service of the church. Men like Timothy Hill, known throughout the entire Southwest, William S. Holt, on the Pacific Coast, Sheldon Jackson, Thomas C. Kirkwood, a household name in the Rocky Mountain region; Alexander K. Baird and the beloved Turner S. Bailey of Iowa, Robert N. Adams of the Northwest, S. Hall Young, associated with Jackson in Alaska are a few of the outstanding men who gave character and efficiency to the Home Mission movement in the West. Individual men like George M. Darley in the San Juan country, J. Milton Greene in the West Indies, Marcus Whitman in the Oregon country and James Hoge, whose roving commission was from Columbus, Ohio, to the Natchez district in Mississippi, and afterwards for fifty years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Columbus, constitute another group of unofficial leaders.

Almost parallel to this country-wide movement was the quiet but effective development of the women's work, particularly so in the Southwest and among the exceptional classes everywhere. The story of the Missions among the Indians can not be written apart from the sacrificial service of the women. The name of Mrs. A. R. McFarland will be immortal in the story of Alaskan Missions. Every Synod in the West and the great majority of the presbyteries were favored with outstanding and efficient women whose devotion to the service and her missionary activities left little to be desired.

The interest of truth requires us to pay a high tribute to the executive and administrative efficiency of the women who carried forward these missionary movements. This was obviously true of the local women in the schools, hospitals, the churches and other forms of service carried by the Woman's Board. The group of women at headquarters in New York, through these years has been highly favored with competency and consecration. No administrative experience of the Church could endure a more searching criticism than the work of the Woman's Board. The current uncertainty as to the women's executive and administrative capacity is promptly removed by a study of the experience of women's movements in the missionary work of the church. The story of our National activities in Home Missions would be pitifully incomplete if the work of our women should be omitted or overlooked.

Meantime new frontiers have been developed in a cause of missions. The tides of population are not now seeking the prairies or the mountains. They are surging towards the great city centers. These city centers are rapidly becoming so cosmopolitan in their character as to seriously affect the efficiency of established churches and the problems of conquest among those not yet within the influence of the Gospel. The work of so outstanding a leader in the rural church as that of Dr. Warren H. Wilson, will probably continue in some form while none will recognize more readily than he the fact that the larger issue of Christianity will be met where the throngs of people crowd our thoroughfares in the cities. It

is here that a new type of pioneers have appeared. The city missionaries of modern days have an altogether new task. The work of men like Charles Stelzle demonstrates that the city is the citadel yet to be taken for Christ. The great victories of the Kingdom will lie among the masses of the people. The Gospel will continue to be the Gospel for the poor. It is still true that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. We thank God for those who have made the journey. We pray that their number may increase. Experience, however, while developing patience, does not bring us the enthusiasm of hope we desire. The Church, therefore, must face very directly the precise issues faced when our Lord preached the Gospel to the whole world at the gateway of the Roman empire. His apostles followed after a conflict with race prejudice into the same world-wide conception of the message of love. The early experience in Jerusalem was with Jews, Gentiles and people of every tongue from every nation upon the face of the earth. In these modern days every city is a modern Jerusalem, a modern Corinth and a modern Rome.

The conditions above recited intimate the vanishing line between what we have known as Home and Foreign Missions. The problem at home has greatly changed. The problem abroad is taking on a new character. Some of the older conceptions of Foreign Missions, especially those that emphasize inferiority will need to be abandoned. The development of national spirit and national pride has erected a certain barrier to our approach with the Gospel. This is just as true in New York as in Tokio or Peking. London, Calcutta and San Francisco face essentially the same issue. The adjustment of the Church to these new conditions will involve the keen insight of Christian statesmen and the intelligent development of cosmopolitan plans. The days of primitive simplicity have disappeared. The days of a highly organized and complex internationalism have arrived. The opportunity of the Church will be in the face of these new conditions. If she is to meet her opportunity and carry the kingdom we do not understand how it can be done save by a church of prayer, of consecration and the anointing by the Holy Spirit. Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts. Here lies the charter of salvation. Our great opportunity is in lowliness of mind to walk with God and see the spiritual enlightenment of the world. His promises are without limit. Our Lord has said, I am with you to the end of the world.

## The Size of Assembly

ACCORDING to the "Official Bulletin" there were 948 Commissioners elected to the 139th General Assembly. This does not include certain officials and members of committees, commissions and other bodies who have standing in Assembly.

Synod of Pennsylvania led with 110 commissioners, and Synod of New York had 107. Los Angeles Presbytery had 26 commissioners; Chicago, 24; Pittsburgh, 18; and New York, 16.

## A Loyal Church

AREASON why the benevolence budget of the Church is not fully raised is because many churches do not put emphasis on the responsibility of Presbyterians for their own denominational enterprises. Presbyterians are rated among the most generous givers to all worthy causes. They annually give millions of dollars to non-budget causes. The practise of the Fourth Church, Chicago, Dr. John Timothy Stone, pastor, is what every congregation should follow. The benevolence budget is printed in the weekly church calendar, followed by this statement:

"After our own church support the work of the Boards of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. should be our first concern. The reason why we did not fully meet our benevolence quota last year is because so many gifts were made to activities exclusive of the budgets of these Boards.

"Information as to whether any particular object is included in our quota of \$78,066.42 may be obtained from the office of the Chairman of Benevolences.

"The cooperation of all is requested so that we may meet our quota in full for the current fiscal year."



THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL  
COMMISSION OF 1927

Left to right: (The year indicates date of expiration of term)  
Elder Jed W. Burns, '28; Walter F. Eagleston, D.D., '27; Elder H. S. Prentice Nichols, '29; Joseph M. Duff, D.D., '27; Elder Jonathan W. Crudginton, '29; Samuel D. Harkness, D.D., '28, Vice Moderator; Judge M. Linn Bruce, '27, Moderator; Rev. Peter K. Emmons, '28, Clerk; Elder Evans Woolen, '28; Professor Ernest B. Skinner, '29; Robert Watson, D.D., '27; Frank C. McKee, D.D., '28; Harry M. Gage, D.D., '29; Andrew C. Zenos, D.D., '29.

# Foreign Missions Day Inspiring

## Recent Events Made Cause Vivid

THE major part of the session of the closing day was devoted to the Board of Foreign Missions. The entire Assembly rose to its feet as a token of appreciation and affection for Robert E. Speer as senior secretary of that board.

A period of prayer, accompanied the reading of the list of those who had died in the foreign mission service during the year, with particular utterance concerning Dr. John E. Williams, who was martyred in China last March.

It was stated that there were at the Assembly twenty-five Presbyterian missionaries from China, representing every one of the eight Presbyterian missions in that country. The following statement was read as expressing the convictions of our missionary leaders in China:

A new era of mission work in China is dawning. Civil war, aggravated by outside propaganda, has overturned the social, economic and political organization of the country. Much mission work is being interrupted. Due to local disturbances and home government orders missionaries from the interior have been called to port cities and some have returned to America. Because of this situation there has arisen in the home church anxiety and concern regarding the future of the mission cause in China. Therefore we, as a group of missionaries, attending the General Assembly in San Francisco, feel we owe to the church a statement of our convictions regarding mission work in China.

First: Irrespective of circumstances we have our marching orders. We have been commissioned by Christ and we must go forward with him. We acknowledge interruption, but not defeat. Extraordinary occasions call for heroic action, and prompt and adventurous adjustments. The situation is a challenge to the missionaries and to the Church for even greater effort. The history of the Church gives many situations of similar nature. Times of great stress have always been followed by forward movement. The outlook after the Boxer Movement in 1900 was dark in the extreme. But, in the six years after that crisis greater progress was made in mission work than in the whole century previous.

Second: The situation in China has greatly increased the opportunities and obligations of Christian Missions because: (a) Contact with other nations and the Renaissance have widened the horizon of the Chinese people; supplanted biased prejudice with open-mindedness; created a sense of need and a willingness to seek and accept help in meeting such need; created a desire for national unity; and most of all, released dynamic forces of desire and demand which should be seized and directed toward the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. (b) The constant increase of commercial and other contacts between the West and China correspondingly increase the need, for the contacts of Christianity. (c) China has a great determination to take her rightful place in the family of nations. The far-reaching influence of which no man can measure. (d) As a Church we are honorably bound to continue the program launched in good faith. To desert the Christian forces in China today would be fatal.

There seems to be a widespread impression that missionaries have left their work because of opposition on the part of the Chinese Christians. Such is not the case. Missionaries vacated their stations at the explicit advice and demand of our government representatives, who were fearful of international complications such as occurred in the Nanking incident. Since

the Chinese government could not adequately protect from possible mob violence it seemed best for the work and all concerned to temporarily withdraw from places where there is not yet a settled government.

The Chinese Church has no desire to be rid of missionaries who can readily adapt themselves to changed conditions under which they must necessarily work. Leaders of the National Christian movement and Chinese Church courts have given every assurance that missionaries will be required for the successful continuation of the Christian work in China. This is evidenced by the following statement from a mass meeting of Chinese Christians held in the city of Shanghai, February 6, 1927:

'We wish to express to them (missionary co-workers) our deep appreciation of the noble work which they have been carrying on in China, to assure them of our continued trust and affection and to record herewith our conviction that they have a permanent and fruitful place in the service of Christ among our people.'

The goodwill of the masses of the Chinese people is evidenced by numerous instances in which both Christians and non-Christians have risked their lives to protect missionaries in times of danger. Especially was this true in Nanking. Most of us have been assured by personal Chinese friends that they earnestly and sincerely desire our return to the work when conditions permit.

We missionaries stand ready to go back as soon as the way is clear. There is no thought of retreat or of giving up the cause to which our lives have been consecrated. Opportunities for Christian service in China have not ended. We stand at the beginning of a new era with possibilities and opportunities unparalleled in the history of the Christian Church, and we look in confidence to the home Church for renewed devotion in loyalty to her vision of China won for Christ.

The above statement was drawn up by a Committee elected by a group of thirty-three China missionaries, coming from nine provinces and representing every one of the eight China missions in which the Presbyterian Church has work.

(Committee)

A. J. FISHER, D.D., of Canton, *Chairman*.  
H. G. ROMIG, Shantung,  
GEORGE C. HOON, Anhwei,  
E. W. LUCCOCK, Shanghai,  
GEORGE T. TOOTELL, M.D., Hunan.

Dr. Speer made a most eloquent address concerning the entire cause of foreign missions, and the Assembly voted that the Board be requested to publish it and send copies to all ministers and elders.

At the popular meeting on Tuesday evening in the interest of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Charles K. Roys, one of the secretaries of the Board, spoke of her recent trip in the Orient. Mrs. Roys was sixteen years a missionary in Shantung, China. The address is given in part.

Nearly a year, just completed, spent in travel from Tokyo to Cairo has revealed in all lands a new spirit of self-assertion. The way in which the West meets this spirit will, I believe, determine whether a war of the hemispheres, or a new civilization, enriched by the gifts of all the races, will result.

The role which America, the richest nation in the world and the most potentially powerful politically, will play in this world drama whose denouement is of such transcendent importance, cannot fail to concern thinking men and women.

So much half truth and untruth is abroad about the situation

in China, it is well squarely to look at it, attempting accurately to appraise the problems, the power, the motives and methods of the new nationalism. For this the long view is essential. To focus on isolated occurrences, or sections of the land, is to lose perspective.

Consider briefly what China is going through. Instead of dealing with great forces which other peoples have met one by one, China is actually passing through four major revolutions all at once! The literary renaissance which is attempting to break through the illiteracy of the masses. The political revolution which in a brief period has carried the country through greater changes than any other people has faced in several generations. Religiously, China is confused by the inrush of new ideas and conflicting influences. To all this, add the social upheaval in which the old foundations of life have been shaken and the whole social structure broken up. Did ever a single nation face such colossal problems? When we seek to pass judgment on her, by what criterion shall we do so?

The issue concerns more than China herself. No other single problem of our day is so full of untold possibilities for good or for evil for the whole world. Will those nations which have never been called on to pass through such a struggle, be true to the highest principles of their Christian heritage and deal with China in a spirit of sympathy and helpfulness? On this and this alone the whole question rests. Nothing but such a spirit can meet the present tense, perilous situation.

To many the time for speaking of sympathy and understanding has passed. Filled with the atrocious utterances and activities of the frenzied minority group of so-called nationalists which the best element in China discredits fully, folk are saying that this is no time to talk of patience.

The happenings at Nanking have drawn the eyes of the world toward China. Certain truths are now emerging which make the original picture less dark. These should be given as wide publicity as the first newspaper accounts of the tragedy. That it was deliberately planned by the rabid communistic group, is beyond doubt true. It was hoped to call forth foreign intervention and thus to feed the fires of resentment against the so-called imperialism of the West. What, then, does Nanking mean? On all sides one is asked this question.

It meant to a small group of frenzied extremists, in the Kuomintang party, a chance to loot and steal and kill, not only with protection assured but with a liberal reward offered by Moscow communists, who deliberately planned the destruction of all foreign life and property in Nanking. One is not theorizing in this matter; actual papers were found with the whole plot outlined.

It meant to those who believe China cannot be trusted to manage her own country, a strong argument for foreign intervention, and a pleasant 'I told you so.' Those who are sure God gave the whole world to the white race to possess and control, find in Nanking evidence of the great wisdom of the Almighty in so doing. Gunboats and foreign troops are plainly indicated as the prescription called for by Nanking. This group, whether in the International Settlement in Shanghai, or in our own country, are horrified at the restraint of Great Britain and America. Loudly do they denounce the 'insanity,' the 'abject cowardice' of our failure promptly to act. How can the white race maintain her rightful place of dominance with governments acting as Great Britain and America are?

God be thanked,—to the powers of Great Britain and America Nanking meant the opportunity for patience and forbearance. Seeing through the actually devilish plot of a corrupt few, they refused to follow a course which might inflict on a whole people punishment for the unrestrained madness of a few.

The gunboats and their firing under extreme necessity, gave certain propagandists the chance to circulate posters claiming that 2,000 were murdered in cold blood by the imperialists. Revenge posters were freely exhibited; but Chiang Kai Shek himself put a stop to this by announcing that only six Chinese civilians were killed.

Nanking means the silencing of all reports about a widespread anti-foreign spirit in China. The people of Nanking

did not take part in the looting. An irresponsible mob urged on in some cases actually known, at the point of the soldiers' guns, completed the demolition of property. None of the fury of the people at large against the foreigners which characterized Boxer days was evident in Nanking. Those who went through that ghastly experience of Nanking are of one voice in acknowledging that they owe their lives to the love and protection of Chinese, both non-Christian and Christian.

What is Nanking meaning to clear-thinking world citizens everywhere? Nanking clearly reveals two elements in the nationalist movement. The extreme wing is actuated by Moscow and imperils all China's chances at unity and peace; estranging many who were her friends. One believes unshakably that this wing is a minority, wholly discredited by the best of China's citizenship. The other wing is working on a sane, constructive program of national unity and progress; and is determined to throw off the evils of communism.

Those with eyes to see may clearly recognize in the emergence of this the most ancient of civilizations, the greatest drama of history. What China's well-wishers have longed for is coming to pass. Shall we be of those who, having come into our own as a nation by an easier path, take the long view, and give to China our sympathy and cooperation? If those who lost all their possessions and passed through the horrors of those days, have come out still believing in the Nationalist Movement, who else dare utter despair?

I quote from the wife of Dr. J. E. Williams who gave his life, the supreme and divinely fitting expression of his confidence in and service to the young life of China: 'No people on earth could have shown more devoted love and sorrow than the Chinese of Nanking. I have nothing but love in my heart and boundless hope for China.'

Let us stop for all time the false word running like wild-fire through our church circles to the effect that the missionaries are no longer wanted in China. Consider that one-fifth of one per cent of the population of China is in the Christian Church. How can such a small group undertake alone the task of making Christ known throughout the land? In certain sections the church is strong enough to take over work formerly carried by the mission; but missionaries thus released are sorely needed for new places. Whether China wanted or did not want missionaries would not affect the real issue,—the obligation of the Christian Church of the West to evangelize. But it so happens that the best of China's leaders do want the missionaries. I give you verbatim their very words: The editor of the *Commercial Press*, in Shanghai, the largest publishing house in Asia, a well-known educator and writer, Dr. Fong Sec says: 'The present seems to be a dark hour for the Christian movement in China yet I believe this is only a passing phase. During this time of great upheaval and sweeping changes, when the minds of our young men are swayed by the tide of nationalism, we need the stabilizing power of Christianity as never before to guide our thinking and give fiber to our moral and spiritual life. This is not the time to withdraw the material and moral support of Christians of western lands. For them to do so is to desert the cause of Christ at a very critical moment.'

In Canton where the church is more ready with leaders to take over work and where radicalism has been rampant, the Church of Christ in China of which the Presbyterian Churches in China are an integral part, have requested that for the next ten years mission boards increase rather than diminish the number of their present force.

Is it thinkable that the Church of Christ in Western lands will leave unsheltered the vast number of loyal Chinese Christians, and the still vaster number of those who are turning to Christ and will turn to him? One who was dragged out to be shot and repeatedly escaped miraculously at Nanking writes: 'Don't be discouraged about China. Don't lose hope. We have God behind our enterprise. China desperately needs Christ. Christ greatly wants China. Missionaries are needed. Your prayers, your hopes are needed. The future of the Church here is as assured as are the promises of God.'

# Christian Education

## Basic to All Aspects of Church's Life and Work

LIKE the other boards, that of Christian Education registered deeply on the mind of Assembly. In various meetings and among several groups the importance and extent of the work of this educational board was told to thousands.

At the Sunday evening popular meeting Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman of First Church, Portland, spoke on "Education and the Abundant Life." On Monday, in connection with the annual report of the board, Dr. William Chalmers Covert, General Secretary, addressed the Assembly, in part, as follows:

If our American culture is to be saved from paganism, its supreme need at this moment is an infusion of moral passion. And for this task the Church of Christ alone is competent.

The supreme need of our American democracy, if our constitutional liberty, the glory of that democracy, is to be preserved against selfish license that prostitutes liberty for its own ends, is religion: that is, the setting in the life of every individual American those moral principles and Christian ideals that make for restraint and love by which alone democracy can be made safe for the world. And for this task the Church of Christ alone is competent.

The supreme need of our whole organized social order, if it is to withstand the disintegrating influences born of the baser motives of men and permit the hopes and dreams of our prophets and seers to come true in a nobler race of men and women to the glory of God, is the creating and organizing in the present-day thinking of young people those attitudes of mind, that disposition of heart, those purposes in life that working together make men strong and just and good! And for this task, on whose success rests the integrity of every unit of society and the destiny of the organized nation herself, the church alone is competent. It is the Church of Christ with her ideals of life, her standards of manhood, her goals of character, her conquering principles of the cross, working through the lives of men that alone can bind into oneness these heterogeneous multitudes of people with their bitter racial hate, their explosive class prejudices, their divisive creeds and their immoralities that dehumanize and destroy!

The Church of Christ dare not rest nor divert her energies toward unprofitable ends during the decade on which we have entered. We are, as a nation, creating by a great system of popular education an intellectuality that is clever, versatile and well-nigh universal. To leave this growing intellectuality with its intensified powers without spiritual ideals, without the motives of the Christian religion, without the controls of a Christian conscience, is to turn on the power of a vast ocean liner going out to sea to meet storms and fogs with no pilot at the wheel.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was right when he said, 'If we educate a man's mind and do not educate a man's morals, we educate a menace to society.' Therefore, it is not possible for this Assembly to view the rapid extension of popular education to the increasing millions of Americans and the placing in their hands this power for good or ill without meeting squarely the question, 'How can this rising tide of intellectual life, this increased mental competency, which no one would restrain if he could, become a minister of unselfish service to glorify God and a great people and undergird their government with perpetuity?' Or to reverse the question, 'How can we prevent this intellectually from becoming a brazen godless thing, mocking the sacred ideals of the fathers, driving its irreverence and cynicism like a keen, killing blade into the

heart of every spiritual concept, and disavowing as a needless factor in the explanation of all things the very being of God himself?

The supreme need at this moment of our American culture and her total educational life is an infusion of spirituality that comes only with Christian faith and Christian morals. To this need the Presbyterian Church is addressing herself through her many agencies. But upon none of her agencies does responsibility more definitely rest for the future type of American character and intellectual life than upon the Board of Christian Education dealing with the children and youth and the educational processes that make for leadership tomorrow!

*The Board of Christian Education is earnestly undertaking to qualify our church worship with a deeper spiritual content and a nobler emotional appeal. Here is a neglected field of human experience, rich in spiritual possibilities that too long has laid bare and unutilized. These outgoing channels through which flow toward God our spiritual aspirations and our deepest longings have not had that sympathetic and scholarly consideration at our hands as a church that the profound importance of the function of worship and the conscious hunger of our souls would justify. We have not been quick to bring to the enrichment of bare and meagre forms of worship the widely developed, knowledge of sacred music now shared by most of our people nor have we magnified properly in any wise the sacred ministry of beauty in the house of God, nor given to art in its holy aspects a proper value in releasing the soul from its bondage of time and sense.*

*This Board is undertaking to vivify in the experience of parents the reality and meaning of all the spiritual functions of the Christian home. The question earnest men and women now are asking as they face present situations in our home life, is this: Can the modern home adapt itself to meet the disintegrating influences of the new day and still hold within itself the old-time loves and loyalties that through less complicated periods of living have given to it unity, social solidarity and spiritual power in the church and in the community?*

The diverting conditions of life are never to grow less. The things of speed and power are to multiply with the years. They will operate more and more to decentralize the energies and widen the contacts of our children. New continents of human interests are lifting into their view every day. New worlds that thrill their imagination and thrall their attention are being discovered and made a part of their life. The automobile, the airplane, the film, the radio, the vitaphone, the radiophone, the television—these modern miracles of the past two decades have re-mechanized life! When you re-mechanize the life of a generation you dislocate the mental and spiritual situations for that entire generation. Responding to this expanded order of living imposes upon our children and our homes a moral strain that is to grow more intense as the years come. Is the home to be baffled and disappear? Is this ultimate unit of society, this holy thing that alone survived the wreck of the Garden of Eden, to dissolve in this welter of new world forces that are transforming and enriching all life? No! Not if a wise and faithful parenthood will rise to meet the emergency! We must set over against these centrifugal influences that pull the home apart, those overmastering centripetal forces that have always held it together! If the reality and meaning of the spiritual functions that have belonged to the Christian home since it was organized are laid upon the hearts and minds of all parents the appalling situation can be met! The same loving unity is available. The same spiritual potency that has ever lived in the home and bound it into sacred oneness will continue there to abide no matter what distracting and disintegrating forces may threaten it. It is not enough that marriage

and its home life be merely socialized, it must be spiritualized if its unity is to survive and serve! The Bible must have its place in the home, prayer must be the order of the day, religious instruction must be a supreme function and reverence an ever-present atmosphere. In other words, the only bulwark we know strong enough to defy the destructive influences that threaten the modern home is the Christian religion genuinely adopted, sincerely lived and devoutly practiced by those that make the home. Toward this objective all the wisdom and organized power of this Board is being directed.

*Going on toward this objective the Board is further undertaking to intensify and more completely adopt to our children and youth all methods and materials for their religious instruction and spiritual culture.*

When our Lord said, 'Feed my lambs,' he involved his disciples in a new enterprise! It meant readjustment and adaptation on their part to meet a new situation. It called for new attitudes of mind, new angles of approach, new feelings of sympathy, new and picturesque vocabulary in order that the beauty and glory of his character might be known and felt by the children! Here is the supreme commission of our Lord that energizes every activity of this Board! If it fails here, it fails in all! These are the words that organized it and defined its policy. They provide the motive for every pen that writes, for every teaching plan that is drafted, for every curriculum chosen, for every project devised! Never has the precious privilege of 'feeding the lambs' been so carefully studied. The church knows better than ever today that if she loses the pathway into the heart of the child, if she fails to enter his mind with truth in understandable form, if she does not enrich his life with Christian experiences that are truly his, she has lost the doorway into the Kingdom of God. So this Board with all the specialized ability it can command is building age-group programs which fit into the minds and hearts of nearly two million children the principles and ideals of our Christian faith. 'Feed my lambs.' Yes! We have accepted Christ's commission and in a series of well-articulated, properly adapted, age-group programs are trying to meet the spiritual needs of the children and young people for whose moral destiny we are so largely responsible. We ask for sympathetic and patient cooperation from our pastors and church school workers.

*This Board has been instructed more effectively to magnify the missionary motive as being an essential feature of Christianity as well as a bulwark of defense for a spiritualized church in a materialized age.*

The church was born out of missionary motives. She has swept around the world under the urge of the missionary motives. She will die when self-complacency or indifference kill her missionary motives and obscure her missionary objectives. Christ's disciples not only brought the good news of salvation to a lost world but in the urge and glow of that devoted service brought a salvation to their own souls the full joys of which they otherwise never would have known.

The church therefore must not only 'go and teach' but she must teach men how to 'go.' She must instruct her young and old in the charter principles of Christianity. She must portray the pathetic spiritual needs of Christless races of men. She must illustrate and enforce the power of Christ's gospel to bring comfort and peace to all men. She must set His cross over against our selfishness, and His sacrifice over against our ease! She must bring to every Christian conscience the obligations of a loving brotherhood that binds all men. She must evoke in every Christian, permanent springs of generosity, and make all hearts tender and responsive to the call of the uttermost! This is missionary education!

*This Board is undertaking to amplify the intellectual and spiritual qualifications of all who seek to enter the Presbyterian ministry.*

For 108 years the Presbyterian Church has sought to encourage a well qualified ministry through her educational funds. She has exercised special oversight of her candidates in order that only the mentally competent and the spiritually fit should undertake the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Never more

than now was there a time when the Presbyterian Church was called more earnestly to summon for leadership in the church her godly young men of high academic training and thorough scholarship in the Word of God and the wisdom of the schools. We do not minimize the necessity for spiritual gifts when we say that, if the church does not seize upon her strongest and intellectually ablest young men as candidates for her ministry and insist upon their mental culture to the highest degree that is possible, there will be a continued declension from the church of those whose leadership in learning baffle the approach of untrained men, yet whose hearts hunger for God and must be satisfied and whose services for the Kingdom of God we covet. We fear the effects upon the leadership of the church when we know that more than 22 per cent of the students in our seminaries last year were not college-trained men, and that during the past 26 years our own seminary-trained men have equalled scarcely one-half the number of those added to our ministerial forces. We view with anxiety the future of the church if Presbyteries do not exercise more rigid care as to the abilities and qualifications of men they receive from other denominations into our Presbyterian ministry. When 40 per cent to 45 per cent of the accessions to our ministry come to us from other denominations and come to us for the most part unfamiliar with our traditions, our doctrines, our government, and the leadership and support of our denominational activities jeopardized. We welcome men whom God has called, come from whence they may, but we must not allow the power and preeminence of our pulpits to be impaired, nor the loyalty to educational ideals and church-wide programs to be diluted by an ill-prepared, untrained ministerial leadership. Our theological seminaries must lift their scholastic standards and demand of candidates higher tests, helping thus to fit our pastors and preachers to meet the challenging period through which the church is now passing. It is true that the numbers of our candidates increased during the past 26 years but 9 per cent while our church membership increased 94 per cent, but we cannot meet this deficiency by lowering the standards of qualifications or by making less exacting our intellectual and spiritual requirements of those who would take the high office of gospel minister.

*The Board of Christian Education is undertaking to glorify the learning of our schools by challenging their students, faculties and Boards to meet the supreme need of the hour by a more definite devotion of their curriculum and educational processes to the building of moral character as the highest end of all culture.*

A great journal, international in its scope, said not long ago: 'In highly specialized studies the college cannot compete with the university, but in laying the foundations of a liberal education, in forming character by human contacts, in fitting students for life itself rather than for a job, the small college still stands without a rival.' To know that there are 1,674 godly men in our 54 colleges, interpreting their teaching of history and philosophy and science in terms of the Christian faith to 23,629 students, and that in all these schools the supreme need of education is moral character, ought to reassure the hearts of anxious parents and those looking for the leaders of good causes for tomorrow.

Last year evangelistic services were organized in 41 of our colleges with hearty cooperation of the faculties. Into these meetings there were gathered a total attendance of 74,000 students. Here under the preaching of pastors selected because of their wise and sympathetic approach to young people, 670 students made confession of their Christian faith and 407 of them decided for a life of Christian service. Nearly 4,000 letters went from our Life-Work Department to parents asking special prayer and cooperation during these college meetings. All the while our 54 colleges are pushing higher and higher their academic standards. Only 7 out of our entire number have not yet met the exacting requisites of the standardizing agencies now so powerful in their influence upon the academic standards of the country. The Board believes that the church



has today in the presidents and teachers of her colleges men and women whose devotion to Christian ideals and human service as the highest ends of learning and whose intellectual fitness make them worthy to walk in the footsteps of William Tennent, Jonathan Dickenson, John Witherspoon, 'Dominie' Kirkland, John Finley Crowe, James McCosh, Woodrow Wilson and that great company of educational prophets who through the years have laid the foundations on which they are now building. The church, facing the testing times that are ahead and depending on the product of these colleges for nearly 60 per cent of her clergymen, must give her hand in cooperation, her heart in prayer and her money in support of these schools. Here is where our children may walk through the period of special intellectual disturbance and spiritual stress in close contact with sympathetic Christian counsellors and in an atmosphere of personal helpfulness find their way into a stable faith and a happy Christian life.

*The Board seeks by inculcating Christian principles, to fortify the moral resistance of the nation in the presence of a widespread defiance of law and an open disregard of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution.*

The Department of Temperance and Moral Welfare and the Presbyterian Church mourns the loss of a great champion of sobriety and good order in the death on March 21, 1927, of the Rev. Charles Scanlon, LL.D. For 22 years the General Assembly has responded to the courageous challenge of this crusader's fearless words and passionate appeals for the victims of drink and the slaves of sin. He stood here to speak burning with hatred for the sins and follies that were ruining his fellowmen, but all aglow with a tender love for every broken sin-cursed man or woman for whose welfare he fought an unrelenting fight till the day he fell with his armor on. No marble monument need be lifted to the memory of Doctor Scanlon so long as the conscience of the Presbyterian Church, stung by his marshalled facts, aroused by his fervent words, sends the church forward to the work he died to promote and perpetuate. There is need of new appeals to the consciences of this generation on behalf of temperance and all the ideals of Christian citizenship. The victory has not been permanently won by legislation or constitutional amendment. The church must educate her youth, the home must educate her children, the community must educate its moral sense in the presence of civic indifference, lax standards of temperance and woeful indifference to the sanctity of law. To the achieving of these ends so long urged upon the Assembly by the voice and life of one who has fallen in the ranks the Board of Christian Education is solemnly committed.

These are the major objectives of the Board of Christian Education to which under the instruction of the General Assembly she is giving her energies with the best technical organization she has been able to effect.

## Memorial Day Service

MEMORIAL DAY fell on the Monday of Assembly and a special order of the day provided for a service fitting to the occasion in the middle of the morning session. The speaker of the hour was Rev. Clarence E. Macartney, D.D., whose thoughtful and earnest address viewed with gratitude the sacrifices and accomplishments of the past and, turning toward the future, asked what would the answer be to those lovers of their country who echoed the question of old, "Watchman, what of the night?" On the platform were veterans of the civil war, from both north and south. The singing of America and The Star Spangled Banner at the closing and opening of the service, and a period of silent prayer after the address were features of the hour.

## Days Before Assembly

### Getting Acquainted With Persons and Facts

BLUE buttons on the lapels, and pockets bulging with pamphlets. Vigorous and universal handshaking in the lobbies. Large and not very restless audiences sitting through numerous pre-Assembly conferences. This is the story of the two days before the Assembly itself officially convened.

What a happy time is had by all in greeting old friends from afar more often than from near! This is no small part of the Assembly. Most of the handshaking is on the basis of former acquaintance. Some of it purely on the basis of buttons. These modest blue-tinted, red-inscribed, inch-and-a-half buttons, given each commissioner when he enrolls and a few officials who don't have to enroll, admit to the main floor of the Assembly and to all of the many other functions connected with the gathering, except when there's a meal involved. Then the commissioner needs something more than a button.

### Conference on Evangelism

On the whole, this year's pre-Assembly conferences set a new attendance record. This comparatively recent plan of having commissioners arrive one or two days before Assembly to sit together in various groups to consider promotional problems of the Church has developed into an enterprise of large dimensions. Practically the entire official Assembly is on the ground well in advance. Most of the commissioners have been designated as delegates by their presbytery to some particular conference. In fact the conference on evangelism got under way two days before Assembly with an initial attendance of between six hundred and seven hundred. By the time Rev. Robert Freeman, D.D., of Pasadena, brought the closing address, Wednesday noon, the large capacity of Polk hall was filled with men and women, mostly men.

### The Board Conferences

That afternoon each of the four boards conducted separate conferences, that of Foreign Missions, on the ground floor of the auditorium building, being most largely attended. The latter part of the afternoon these groups united in a conference conducted by the Program and Field Activities Committee of the General Council. Here a long series of printed questions—"Ask Me Another"—was distributed, all bearing on the practical program of the Council and the individual churches, and answers were called for by the number of the question. Many participated in answering as well as asking. Interest was sustained to the very last.

The last night before Assembly—Wednesday—the General Council conducted a symposium on "The United Task of the Church," under the happy direction of Rev. H. C. Swearingen, D.D. Here the order was altered and instead of some discussion from the floor the gathering was addressed entirely by outstanding leaders previously selected. The address of Mr. George

C. Barber, a member of the General Council, was followed with special interest, as he sought to analyze with refreshing frankness and directness of speech the losses and gains of the recent board consolidation. Mr. Barber, speaking from the point of view of large business experience, concluded that the only loss sustained by the consolidation was in some time-worn methods, which after all were better gone. Among the gains he mentioned an increasing degree of service rendered by the boards, better coordinated promotion of the entire Church program of activities, uniform business methods for four boards being easier to maintain than for thirteen, and a decreasing overhead expense. This last item, however, had not as yet been realized as fully as was hoped, but "no perfect thing can grow, and our system is not yet perfect; it is still growing."

By the time Assembly convened, therefore, a considerable degree of momentum had been developed, a fine spirit generated, and commissioners labored under the happy feeling that they had already done something.

## Judicial Procedure

WHEN the General Assembly at its final session Wednesday morning had listened to the reading of the minutes for Tuesday, some question arose as to the item covering the action concerning the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission in Case 1. Reference was made to parliamentary confusion which had attended consideration of this particular case.

Moderator Speer addressed to the Assembly a frank and fervent statement of his own state of mind concerning this matter. He said that he felt that mistakes had been made on all sides, freely admitted his own, and asked forgiveness. He considered that attempts to open up the matter anew might result in leading the Assembly into deeper water. He therefore earnestly suggested that it all be left to the Lord. Dr. Speer put the whole matter on a deep spiritual basis and made a most profound, in fact solemn, impression upon the Assembly.

The effect was the adoption of the minutes, including the item about Judicial Case 1, by a unanimous vote.

A resolution was suggested from the floor to the effect that this decision in Case 1 might be construed as calling into question the faith of the Assembly concerning the Virgin Birth.

Moderator Speer immediately responded by quoting the Apostles' Creed. As he uttered the passage concerning the Virgin Birth, all of the commissioners rose to their feet, and the mover of the resolution stated that he accepted that as the Assembly's unanimous vote for that portion of the Creed.

Many expressed the feeling that the Moderator's faith in God and in God's guidance, so deeply uttered, had carried the Assembly through what threatened to be a most trying ordeal.

On motion, following a suggestion of the Moderator, the Assembly committed to the General Council the task of studying carefully during the year the form of procedure in the consideration of judicial cases, to report what changes, if any, should be made, at the next General Assembly, since the parliamentary tangle of the day before had arisen largely because of the fact that this was the first time the new and difficult rules had been acted under. The new rules were designed originally to protect the rights of minorities and dissenting opinions.

## Over 3,000 at Dinner

A POPULAR story that went the rounds at Assembly was of five men who went to hunt elephants with a view to each writing a scientific treatise on the pachyderm. The Englishman of the group chose a characteristic, succinct title: "Elephants;" the German wrote on: "Elephants, Their Habits, Characteristics and General Proclivities;" the Pole was true to his dominant interest and his title read: "Elephants and the Polish Question;" a Frenchman ran true to type: "Elephants and Their Amours;" and the American came through with: "Bigger and Better Elephants."

All the events of Assembly were bigger and better than ever. The fellowship dinners on Saturday evening set new marks in attendance. Over eleven hundred men gathered in two large banquet halls of the Palace Hotel. Dr. W. O. Thompson presided over one group and Mr. J. Willison Smith over the other. The speakers were Moderator Speer, Dr. Hugh T. Kerr and Dr. William F. Weir of the Department of Men's Work.

Fourteen hundred and twenty women, representing every state in the Union, gathered at the Hotel St. Francis for the Friendship Dinner of Presbyterian Women. So large was the company that five rooms were used to accommodate the guests.

The program was presented in two of the largest rooms, each speaker repeating the address. Mrs. Paul Raymond presided in the Colonial room and Mrs. William Nat Friend in the Italian room. The music was furnished by the Wilshire Presbyterian choristers of Los Angeles.

The special guests of the evening were wives of former Moderators, prominent presbyterial leaders and sixty returned missionaries.

The general theme of the speakers was the New World being built foursquare, and the part women were taking in the building. The speakers were Mrs. Robert Freeman of Pasadena, Mr. Mariana Bertola of San Francisco, Mrs. Edwin H. Silverthorn of New York, Mrs. Dan Everett Waid of New York, Mrs. Charles Kirkland Roys of New York and Moderator Robert E. Speer.

For the first time a representative was sent to address the Men's dinner held at the same hour and Dr. Wil-

liam Chalmers Covert of the Board of Christian Education addressed the women, representing the men.

There was a young people's forum and banquet Saturday afternoon and evening which gathered a company of 883 young people between eighteen and twenty-eight years. Sixteen young people came from Uplands, five hundred miles away! This group dealt with the Presbyterian program of work for youth. Over three thousand persons were at the various dinners.

Under the bigger and better class also come the evening popular meetings, the special Sunday services and the pre-Assembly conferences. At these and the regular sessions of the Assembly, the attendance out-reached previous Assemblies. The communion service was the most largely attended of any Assembly, and possibly the largest ever attended by the persons present. Again, on the money side the largest amount ever reported raised to one Assembly was at San Francisco. With the Pension Fund of \$15,040,000, and the regular budget items, together with current expenses, the total was over \$75,000,000. Presbyterians, take heart and go forward!

## Knows Notes and Keys

**A**S Stated Clerk of General Assembly, Dr. Lewis S. Mudge has manifested remarkable ability in organizing all departments of the Office of General Assembly and in selecting the right type of person for the several duties. One of these competent persons is Mr. Henry Barraclough, Manager of the Department of Administration.

In a dual sense Mr. Barraclough "knows notes and keys." For one thing, he is an expert stenographer of exceptional speed and accuracy in both recording and transcribing. He records all the minutes of General Assembly and between sessions transcribes his notes so that word-for-word records are available for the daily reading of the minutes. He takes the minutes of General Council meetings, and it is understood that he took down all the hearings of the Commission of Fifteen, and the hearings in the Princeton Seminary investigation.

But stenographic notes and typewriter keys are not the sole specialty of Mr. Barraclough. He knows the notes of the scale and the ivory keys. His early life was spent in England where he graduated from the three-century old Bradford School. He commenced a business career with an insurance corporation, and later in open competition on stenographic ability he secured the position of secretary to the late Sir George Scott Robertson.

During his residence in London, Mr. Barraclough met the late Charles M. Alexander, famous evangelistic song leader. In January, 1914, he joined the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic party as pianist, and during the next four years he traveled through the British Isles and the United States. In 1917, having applied for citizenship in the United States, he was drafted for

military service, went overseas and attained the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major in the Headquarters Detachment of the 78th Division.

Upon return to civil work, Mr. Barraclough was attached to the office of Dr. George G. Mahy of the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism. During this period he reported stenographically two Assemblies and after the Assembly of 1921 was invited to the position he now holds in the office of General Assembly.

Mr. Barraclough is the author of many hymns, notably "The Ivory Palaces," suggested by a sermon of Dr. Chapman. He is an elder in the Tioga Church of Philadelphia where he is also superintendent of the intermediate department of the Bible school.

## Valued Assistance

**I**N the preparation of the Magazine much assistance is given by the Editorial Committee. This assistance was not available at Assembly and Rev. J. Hudson Ballard, Ph.D., was solicited to assist the Editor.

Dr. Ballard is head of the Department of Religion, Occidental College, Los Angeles. For five previous years he was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pomona, California. Previous to that he was Field Director of the New Era Movement.

For two decades Dr. Ballard has been a student of psychology. He has rendered large service to churches and other institutions in lecturing on "The New Psychology and Christianity." The interest in this subject is evidenced by the fact that twenty-six Episcopal clergymen in the Diocese of Los Angeles, including Bishop Stevens, requested a course to be arranged for them. It ran through fifteen two-hour periods. A week's series of addresses was delivered this past winter before the faculty and students of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The readers of the Magazine are indebted to Dr. Ballard for many of the descriptive articles relating to Assembly. By some means he got hold of Commissioner Henry's letters home to his wife.

A colored Presbyterian missionary on his first Sunday in a Virginia community entered the church to find desolation. A few planks nailed against the wall for seats, a smoky lamp, a broken stove, one chair, and a rickety table were the furnishings. About the stove hovered eight or ten shivering children, ranging in age from five to fifteen years. They were being taught from a lesson card by a man almost as untutored as they. In three months the Sunday school had an enrollment of sixty-five boys and girls and it was following a graded system of lessons. Now, several years later, twelve of those boys and girls are attending Presbyterian boarding schools conducted among the colored people of the South. One is planning to enter the ministry and six will enter full time Christian service.

## What We Endured at Nanking

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over \$1,000 of station money and turned it over to the soldier. Miss Null meanwhile had run next door for help; the soldier fired at her and fired again when she returned with Dr. Drummond. Chinese friends carried Miss Moffet to a mat shed where they placed her on a bed and covered her with straw. She remained there all day but did not suffer so much from the wound as from having to lie absolutely still. It was not until evening that the wound was dressed. The others were also hidden all day by Chinese friends who brought them all to Baillie Hall in the evening.

At the Seminary a number of factors combined to make the treatment of foreigners especially bad. For one thing, a Southern soldier was killed in one of the buildings. One story was that he refused to threaten the foreigners and was shot for his madness. Another more likely version was that two soldiers suddenly appeared at opposite ends of the hall and blazed away before they saw who it was. At any rate a soldier was dead and the foreigners had to pay for it. Another factor was a Seminary student who was a very Radical Red. He is known to have gone up to Wuhu a few days before the debacle to confer with the Extremists there. He personally conducted the soldiers to the homes of two Chinese professors against whom he had grudges.

Dr. Price, pastor of the Union Church, who had been ill with fever and was very tired just before going on furlough, was manhandled brutally for more than half an hour by a soldier, and more than a week later was suffering from the bruises inflicted by this fiend. He was threatened through most of the morning by the several waves of soldiers but was finally hidden until evening by Chinese and then brought to Baillie Hall. The next afternoon when we were going down to the boats, ill, sore and suffering from shock as he was, he absolutely refused to ride in a carriage as long as there was a lady walking.

Dr. Rowe was also threatened repeatedly and was led out to be shot; in fact we believed all day Thursday that he had been killed but he was finally rescued and hidden until evening.

The Hubugial Compound fared better than most. One thing that saved them was that quite a large number of Northern soldiers were cut off in that section of the city and the Southerners were quite hussy rounding them up. Several groups of soldiers did go through the house where Mr. McAfee and Mr. Taylor were but they were not very rough and although they took some things the house was not stripped. At 4:00 P. M. a very polite military doctor appeared who took over the school for a hospital and cleared the compound of soldiers and mob. The two foreigners invited the doctor to have din-

ner with them and after dinner had prayers, reading especially about loving one's enemies. They slept in their own beds and were brought to Baillie Hall next morning under escort in a car.

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## Fraternal Delegates

A HAPPY moment at Assembly is the introduction of fraternal delegates. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, for the Department of Church Cooperation and Union introduced, one at a time, the following:

Rev. Eleazer Perez, representing the General Synod of Mexico. He spoke in Spanish, which was translated by Rev. Norman W. Taylor, missionary.

Rev. E. M. Wilson, for the General Assembly of the United Church of North India.

Rev. R. G. Macheth, D.D., representing the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., representing the United Church of Canada.

Greetings were also received from the General Assembly of Korea, the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, and the National Council of Congregational Churches.

The Department was authorized to select a representative to attend the tercentenary of the Reformed Church, in June, 1928. Dr. Vaclav Losa was approved as fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Czecho Church.

Moderator Speer displayed versatility in his reply to each delegate. To Senor Perez he replied in Spanish to the delight of Assembly. It is believed he would have replied in Hindoo to the delegate from North India except for the fact that the delegate said he was born in the language of Illinois. When Dr. Stevenson presented greetings in writing from the Korean Church, Dr. Speer asked if they were in writing and remarked they would be replied to—in writing.

Commenting on what may constitute a bond of fraternal union among Christian brethren Dr. Speer suggested that the area in which they could stand together was one where all would have eyes on the Cross and hear the cry, "He is risen." To those of such experience and faith they might say with John Wesley: "Here is my heart and my hand."

## Important Overtures Adopted

IT was reported to the 1927 General Assembly that Overtures A and B, sent down to the presbyteries by the 1926 Assembly, were adopted by a majority of the presbyteries and have therefore become the law of the Church. These overtures are as follows:

### Overture A, 1926, On Reception of Members Into the Church

"Shall the Form of Government, Chapter IX, Section VI, be amended by the addition of the words, 'upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon presentation of

satisfactory certificate of church membership, or in the absence of such certificate, upon the part of persons coming from other churches, upon re-affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ so as to read as follows:

"The church session is charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the congregation; for which purpose, they have power to inquire into the knowledge and Christian conduct of the members of the church; to call before them offenders and witnesses, being members of their own congregation, and to introduce other witnesses, where it may be necessary to bring the process to issue, and when they can be procured to attend; to receive members into the church upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon presentation of satisfactory certificate of church membership, or in the absence of such certificate, upon the part of persons coming from other churches, upon re-affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ; to admonish, to rebuke, to suspend or exclude from the Sacraments, those who are found to deserve censure; to concert the best measures for promoting the spiritual interests of the congregation; to supervise the Sabbath school and the various societies or agencies of the congregation; and to appoint delegates to the higher judicatories of the Church."

### Overture B, 1926, On Regular Supplies in Federated Churches

"Shall the Form of Government, Chapter XXI, Section III, be amended by the addition of the words 'except in cases of federated churches' so as to read as follows:

"Ministers, licentiates, and local evangelists connected with the presbyteries of this Church, shall be the only persons to be employed as regular supplies in vacant churches, except in cases of federated churches. It shall be the duty of ministers not engaged in regular church work to render service in vacant congregations within the bounds of their respective presbyteries, unless excused by act of presbytery. Ministers of other denominations in correspondence with this General Assembly may be employed as occasional supplies."

## Near East Relief

Under the report of the Department of Church Cooperation and Union Dr. J. Ross Stevenson presented Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, chairman of General Assembly's Committee on Near East Relief who reported on the year's work. The Assembly gave its endorsement of the resolution to continue the work of Near East Relief.

Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission in the class of 1927-30 were elected as follows: Ministers, John E. Bushnell, D.D., Charles Welch, D.D., W. B. Love, D.D.; Elders, Hon. Nelson H. Loomis, Roy M. Hart.



# Among Books



**A WAYFARER IN SWEDEN.** By *Frederic Whyte*. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. Price, \$3.

The reviewer spent three delightful weeks in Sweden last summer and he does not hesitate to say that this volume would have been exceeding valuable; also that it will prove extremely helpful and interesting to any prospective or past visitor.

The author writes informally of practically every section of Sweden that has significance and interest to the English-speaking trapper.

**THE HOLY LOVER.** By *Marie Conway Oemler*. Bont & Liveright, New York. Price, \$2.

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**CHINA: LAND OF FAMINE.** By *Walter H. Mallory*. American Geographical Society, New York. Price, \$4.

In the preface to this volume, Dr. John H. Finley, President of the American Geographical Society, observes that it is a shocking fact that with all the labor expended and virtues practiced, nearly a fourth of the people of the globe live in a land of famine—not of general famine in any one place, but of famine in one or another province or locality all the time. While China is a land of many cities, it is predominantly an agricultural country. A very large majority of the people live on the soil. In the eighteen provinces where the bulk of China's 438,000,000 people live, every square yard of tillable soil is carefully cultivated right up to the tops of the hills. There is no other peasantry in the world which gives the impression of belonging so much to the soil. Here the whole of life and the whole of death take place on the inherited ground. Man belongs to the soil, not the soil to man; it will never let its children go.

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**HISTORY OF SOCIALIST THOUGHT.** By *Harry W. Laidler*, Ph.D. Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York. Price, \$3.50.

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**L**AKE Shore Park, Oakland, and Park Hall, at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, were the scene of two great children's gatherings on General Assembly Sunday.

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Schools practiced their songs for the occasion. The committee in charge had four beautiful banners to present to the schools that "sang with the spirit and with the understanding also."

Schools chose colors that each group might be distinctively marked. Special sections were reserved for the schools.

## Two Thousand Dollars from Twenty

**T**WO thousand dollars were in March presented to the Board of National Missions as the increase on twenty polished half dollar pieces sent six weeks before for the work of the board of Navajo Indian children of the mission at Ganado, Arizona. Twenty volunteer collectors, both men and women, each equipped with one of the original shiny fifty cent pieces told in churches and Sunday schools all over the country the story of these children and of their sacrifice of playtime in earning the money for their gift. The largest individual gift that came to this fund was \$200; the second largest \$150. Eight different groups, in mission centres in a large mining and industrial community gave a total of \$116.80. A mission Sunday school among the foreigners of a large city gave their entire Sunday school collection for a month, \$1.27. Some little immigrant girls gathered in a sewing class, when told the story, thought over it for a week and then brought back fifty cents. A kindergarten gave \$1.21. The total gift was received by the chairman of the executive committee of the Board of National Missions, March 18, at its monthly meeting, and passed by him to the treasurer, Mr. E. Graham Wilson. A part of the contribution was designated for the debt of the Board and a part for its current work.

The gift from the Indian children came originally in a small red velvet bag to which was attached a card bearing the inscription "an offering to the Lord from the boys' and girls' Bible classes." A large red velvet bag is being sent to the Rev. Fred Mitchell, superintendent of the Ganado mission, and in it will be enclosed the full story of how twenty half dollar pieces became \$2,000.

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## New Secretary for National Missions

THE Board of National Missions has elected Rev. Robert S. Donaldson, D.D., of San Francisco to succeed Rev. William R. King, D.D., in its Division of Promotion. Dr. King on the eve of the General Assembly was offered and accepted the important position of executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, an interdenominational organization composed of the Boards of Home Missions of practically all of the Protestant Churches in America. Dr. King has served the National Board, and the old Home Board for eight years with rare devotion and acceptance throughout the Church. During this time he has been a veritable apostle of good-will in behalf of the Board among synods, presbyteries and congregations. By experience and temperament he is unusually fitted for the wider service to which he has been called. He will be a great factor in bringing to pass on the Home Mission field that unity of Protestantism for which all thoughtful Christians pray.

The National Board in losing Dr. King counts itself exceedingly fortunate to find a man like Robert S. Donaldson to take his place. Dr. Donaldson belongs to the fine old Pennsylvania family of Donaldsons who for four generations have furnished leaders and preachers to the Presbyterian Church. Elder's Ridge Academy in Western Pennsylvania will always be associated with their name. His father, Dr. John B. Donaldson, was for many years a pastor in Iowa and Minneapolis, and his maternal grandfather, Dr. Robert F. Sample, was a well-known pastor in New York City and Minneapolis, and was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1899. If there is such a thing as an inherited sympathy and understanding, Dr. Donaldson ought to understand and love the Presbyterian Church, which the Board is sure he does. For the past ten years he has been the executive of the Presbytery of San Francisco and the special representative of the Board's Department of City and Immigrant Work on the Pacific Coast. He has been an outstanding leader in the remarkable advance the Synod of California has made in the last decade. He comes to his new position with an experience few men in the Church possess. He will begin his work September 1.

## Your Church in Flood Area

JAMES D. BURTON, Sunday school missionary in Tennessee, was in Memphis and the flood stricken area where as a district representative for Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama of the Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation he was called into consultation concerning the adjustment of race relations in the stricken district. The Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation, says Mr. Burton, is endeavoring "to see that the Negro tenants, upon their return to the plantations, are not



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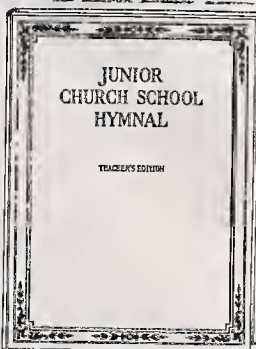
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"I visited the Memphis refugee camp. The administration there is fair to both white and colored. I don't think any discrimination is being practised between the races in this camp, but the abuse will come in the adjustment period.

"Great privation and suffering obtains in this region. I saw no smiles and heard no laughter among the refugees in the camp. It was a pathetic scene. Children followed their parents about the camp grounds, half clad, not understanding it all, but in their little hearts they knew something was wrong. Some of the adults and children are sick; here mothers give birth to children without the necessary comforts and protection, and while the welfare agencies are doing their best in the emergency, nevertheless the refugees are suffering privations. Great numbers are illiterate, and do not know what to do or where to turn."

### The Lord's Day Alliance

ASSEMBLY heard of advances in Sabbath observance and took action as follows:

*Resolved:* That this General Assembly hears with pleasure that the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States is developing a great forward movement for the preservation of the American Sabbath and the solution of vexing Sunday problems, and has recently secured Dr. David G. Wylie, its president, to assist in this enlarged program, gives its best wishes to Dr. Wylie and to Dr. Harry L. Bowley, its general secretary, and commends the Alliance for its effective and successful service and calls upon our churches and people to give hearty support to the Alliance and its auxiliaries.

### Mrs. William H. Hubbard

GENERAL Assembly adopted the following resolution offered by the General Council:

"The General Council, having learned with sorrow of the death of Mrs. William H. Hubbard at Holyoke, Mass., February 13, 1927, records the gratitude which the entire Church feels for the valuable service rendered by herself and her husband, the late William H. Hubbard, D.D., in founding and equipping the Hubbard Memorial Press, at Auburn, N. Y. This plant has for more than a decade been supplying the churches upon most favorable conditions with offering envelopes and other accessories for the furtherance of the Every Member Plan. The generous provision thus made by these devoted friends has been a large factor in furthering the whole program of the Church."

Robert Freeman Writes  
Assembly's "Hymn of Unity"

DR. ROBERT FREEMAN of Pasadena wrote for General Assembly a hymn of four verses entitled, "Hymn of Unity," sung to the tune of Darwall's 138th. Three days after the writing of this hymn it was given by the choir of 60 voices in the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley on the occasion of a sermon by the Moderator, Dr. W. O. Thompson. Dr. Thompson was so impressed with it that he requested that it be sung at the opening Communion service of the Assembly for his sermon.

Mr. Uda Waldrop, civic organist of San Francisco, was employed by the local committee to play each day at the meetings of the General Assembly. He is one of the most noted organists of the country.

Hymn of Unity

We come, we come, we come  
O'er mountain, plain and sea,  
Whose feet have trod the ways of God,  
We come to Thee,  
With one accord  
To sing one faith for life and death,  
One hope, one Lord.

But not alone we come,  
The valiant ones we boast,  
The saints who pray for us today,  
A glorious host;  
With one accord  
We cry with these from bended knees  
To Thee our Lord.

From clamorous strife we come,  
From fearing rivalries,  
To sue Thy grace for all our ways,  
Thy healing peace;  
With one accord  
From many lands we raise our hands  
To Thee our Lord.

One brotherhood we come,  
Our glory in one Name,  
One cross our sign, one love divine  
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With one accord  
We sing one faith in life and death,  
One hope, one Lord.

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To meet the current expenses of the church it was determined to offer for sale one thousand sustaining memberships at \$25 each. The rule was adopted that no collections for current expenses are to be taken in any public service in the church. Nor is any contribution accepted from church organizations; nor are dinners, bazaars or other money-making schemes permitted. Strangers and visitors are always welcome and members of the church feel it is a pleasure and an honor to have such as guests of the church without expecting them to contribute toward sustaining the work.

On a board in the vestibule of the church the names of the members are listed. Those who subscribe for one or more sustaining memberships have a star placed before their names. The sustaining memberships are payable annually, semi-annually or quarterly, and the receipt of the money by the church treasurer is noted by various colors in which the name on the board is enclosed.

The practical working of this plan is that members who have been subscribing larger sums of money have not cut down on their subscriptions. It has also been found that not 1 per cent of the membership was honestly unable to lay up the sum of \$6.25 in a period of three months with which to pay the quarterly installment on a sustaining membership.

The church officers assumed the position that members of the church able to purchase a sustaining membership, but unwilling to do so, should have that fact made apparent with the alternative that if the church did not mean anything to them, their names should be taken from the roll.

Essentially, this plan places the whole matter of the financial support of a church in the open. The dues needed from members to defray the current expenses of a congregation are not looked upon as charity but as a business matter. Consequently, secrecy is not advantageous. No self-respecting lodge or club could continue in business if its members fixed their own dues, each one for himself and unknown to the other, or if each member contributed whenever and whatever he thought wise, or totally omitted sharing in the common cost without the knowledge of his fellow members.

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EVERY year, says Rev. Paul L. Warnshuis, selected groups of Mexican boys and girls are given, under the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, the opportunity to spend a week in Camp Juarez, either in the mountains of Southern California or at the ocean. Often we are asked whether it pays spiritually, for it does not pay financially. The following is one of many proofs: In one of our centers, a girl ceased to come to the Home of Neighborly Service because her mother did not want her to run the risk of hearing Bible stories. However, when recruiting for camp, the worker succeeded in getting the consent of this mother for the girl to go. There in camp, through the class in Bible study, the girl had her first chance to handle a New Testament and read in it for herself. She was seen to pass much of her leisure time reading its pages, and showed great delight in being permitted to take it home, though she expressed considerable doubt as to what her mother would do. For some reason, the child was permitted to keep the Testament, and she again began attending activities at the Home. When Christmas was near the worker happened to ask her what she wished, and the answer was, "A nice, new copy of the Bible." The worker selfishly gave herself the pleasure of making this wish come true. The next time the girl came to the Home she was carrying the book. The worker thought it was being returned by order of an enraged mother, but the girl explained that she was bringing it for the pleasure of carrying it. Needless to say, the mother too is now a regular attendant at the Home and soon will be a Christian. All this came from one short week at Camp Juarez.

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At Christmas time Francisco went back to Mexico for a visit and returned with a wife, a wilful young woman of seventeen, who had been left an orphan and reared by a doting grandmother. She did not fit into Francisco's home life very well. In fact, the missionary had much to do to comfort and pacify, when she came flying over to her in a fit of hysteria because she could not have her own way in all things.

The worst trouble of all came when some one wanted to read the Bible to her. Then she put her fingers in her ears and cried out "Take that book out of my house. It is a sin for me to listen—I won't listen."

At last Francisco built his own home and moved farther away from the Home of Neighborly Service and the missionary saw less of them. Then came the news of the birth of a son, and she made a special effort to go. During the visit Francisco said, "Señorita, Lupe likes the Bible now. Every day she asks me to read it." When it came to naming the baby, they looked first at the calendar to see which saint's day it was, but Lupe declared the name they found there very ugly and refused to have it, giving the baby a name of her own choosing. From that time a change began. They were found at church and Sunday school—Lupe (who loved music) began to sing in the choir. Four years from the time Francisco first met the missionary on his mother's porch he and his wife were received into the church and the two babies baptized. Since then they have been among the most faithful workers in the mission, bringing in father, mother, sister, brothers, and friends.

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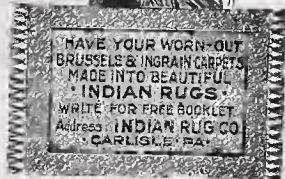
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A recent interest of the humanitarian department was in a certain group of unfortunates who were landed in Santiago from the nitrate mines of the North. The mines closed down leaving hundreds of men without work, and without resources. The government put them and their families on ships and landed about 1,600 of them in Santiago. The government let them have a half-finished, three-story school building, a cold, barn-like, uncomfortable place to live, also two army field stoves and a cook. They had to beg food. Day after day with baskets they go all over the city, getting what they can. Usually it is enough for one meal a day, often beans and spaghetti cooked together, although once in a while they have a day with no food at all, it all depending on the generosity of their fellowmen.

The children are given skimmed milk by a dairy nearby. There are a number of families in each room, some sleeping in beds, others on bunks, or piles of rags on the floor. As the cold wind sweeps through these paneless windows, it is not strange that the missionaries found on their visit, many, almost all, suffering from colds and bronchitis. Some of the children have had the measles. Only 400 left at the last report, as many have found work in the country, and a few have passed on. The rags, the dirt, the poor, forlorn little children, the sad, sad faces of the women, made one's heart ache. And yet in all their misery they did not ask for a thing—except for tracts. These they begged for. The sandwiches and clothing were gratefully received, but for the tracts they reached out eager hands. "Oh give me one, senora, I can read," or, "To me, senora, give it to me, I have some one who will read it to me." Over and over again this plea was made.

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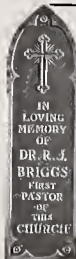


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**T**HE Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Board of Foreign Missions with its newly appointed and furloughed missionaries was held in New York City on June 8 to 14. For several years the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America has cooperated in the conference and this year the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society also cooperated.

Seventy-two missionaries have been appointed since June, 1926, as follows: Ordained men, 14; men physicians, 4; men teachers, 5; wives and fiancés, 24; women evangelists, 6; women teachers, 7; women doctors, 2; nurses, 7; printer, 1; architect, 1; dentist, 1. The countries and the number of missionaries assigned to each are: Africa, 2; China, 15; Chosen, 5; India, 9; Japan, 5; Brazil, 2; Chile, 1; Colombia, 5; Guatemala, 3; Mexico, 1; Venezuela, 2; Persia, 8; Philippines, 4; Siam, 8; Syria, 2. It is interesting to note that in 1925, 34 colleges were represented by missionaries at the June conference, 36 colleges in 1926, and 46 colleges and state universities were represented this year.

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### News of the Churches

The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pa., received 107 new members at Easter. During Holy Week, the supply pastor, Rev. Charles Lewis Neibel, conducted a series of evening services which were well attended.

During the past four months the Central Church of Denver has received 271 new members and restored 124 who had been dropped from the roll. The Every Member Canvass was over subscribed, and this church has asked for nearly 50 per cent increase in its benevolence quota. Over two-thirds of the \$30,000 being raised for the Pension Fund has been subscribed.

The Pocatello Church, Rev. G. William Barnum, pastor, has begun the erection of a new building, to be located near the southern branch of the state university. It will be the only Protestant church in that part of the city.

First Church, Boise, Idaho, has entered upon a campaign for funds to erect the first unit of a new house of worship. The unit will be used for Sunday school and young people's work; \$30,000 of the \$50,000 necessary has already been subscribed. Rev. W. C. Ross is pastor.

The First Church, Pontiac, Michigan, has purchased a new manse in the newest subdivision.

### Educational Notes

Mr. Glenn Ginn, Chinese student at Park College, Parkville, Mo., won the first place in the Final Interstate Oratorical Contest. The subject of Mr. Ginn's oration was "The Yellow Peril."

Among the speakers during Commencement Week at Auburn Seminary were President Harry Lathrop Reed, Dr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. Sherwood Eddy, Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, who was inaugurated as professor of homiletics and sociology, and Rev. Charles A. Anderson. Degrees were conferred on forty students.

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## General Assembly Gives Strong Endorsement of Sanatorium

The following resolution was presented first to General Council and later passed unanimously by the Assembly. Several members of the Council spoke in highest terms of the work which has been done. The Resolution is as follows:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a recognized institution of the church possessing physical assets of over \$500,000.00 and endowment of \$250,000.00, with a splendid history of twenty Samaritan years in caring for the tubercular sick who come from all parts of the world, and

WHEREAS, The Synod of New Mexico by establishing the Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium has rendered a great humanitarian service in the cause of religion and humanity, and

WHEREAS, The Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium desires to increase its bed capacity and provide additional endowment in order to more adequately provide for the demands made upon the institution, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Sanatorium has provided a development program for endowment and additional buildings, therefore

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## A PETITION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Venerable Body, the General Assembly of the  
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Greetings:

We, members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, have endeavored to give a calm and deliberate consideration to the decision of the Assembly of 1927 in Judicial Case No. 1 and entertaining the most affectionate desires for peace and union upon such a basis as shall contribute to the peace and comfort of all our Churches, do hereby respectfully memorialize and petition the General Assembly to appoint a new special Judicial Commission to hear and determine the facts and law in Case No. 1, the said Commission to be chosen, one member of it from every electing section.

And we so memorialize and petition this for the following reasons:

1. The irregularities in the action of the Assembly of 1927 in accepting the Report of the Judicial Commission.
2. The failure of the Minutes of the General Assembly properly and faithfully to record what was actually done. (See Min. 1927 page 188.)
3. The Judgment of many learned in Church law, that the dissenting opinion stands as the final judgment of the Assembly.
4. There has never been a proper hearing of this case on its merits and for the sake of fairness and justice we now ask for such a hearing.
5. The majority opinion of the Judicial Commission con-

firms an un-presbyterian and unconstitutional view of the satisfaction of a Presbytery in licensure; of review and control; and is based upon a wrong interpretation of the case as a Complaint. (Book of Discipline, Section 25 and 93.)

6. This question will not be settled until there is a proper hearing of the case and the law of the Church enforced free from bias and prejudice.

7. The Complaint in this case was dismissed in an irregular manner, the members of the Synod of New York having been allowed to vote and it is the duty of the Assembly and ought to be its privilege to set right all errors made by itself or its representatives.

8. We present this Memorial and Petition because we believe in the right of petition as guaranteed by both the State and the Church.

9. The General Assembly of 1927 the day following its action in this case decided that the action referred to must be treated as if it had never been before the Commission.

10. The General Assembly distinctly, decidedly and overwhelmingly rejected the judgment of the Commission.

For these and other reasons, we respectfully ask this Assembly (1928) meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May, to grant this petition and memorial, and we shall ever pray.

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Neither judicial nor legislative standing has ever before been given to heresies about the virgin birth of our Lord, by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. If the church be satisfied, now and henceforth, with a constitutional interpretation which gives judicial approval to doubters of the virgin birth to enter our ministry, no action by the next General Assembly is necessary. Or, if the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. be satisfied with a judicial reversal of the historic position taken in the above judicial decisions, no action by the next General Assembly is necessary. The judicial door is now open for the coming of ministers who do not affirm belief in the virgin birth of our Lord. The presence of the doctrine in our creed is worth exactly nothing if you cannot enforce it through your judicial department. The recital of the Apostles' Creed, after you have opened the judicial door, does not close the door nor clean the spot. The recital of that creed, led so profoundly by the Moderator after receiving unbelievers, is not even mentioned in the Minutes of the Assembly. It was like an anesthetic to put the patient to sleep while a painful operation was being performed.

*From Dr. Eagleson's Article  
in the Presbyterian. Jan. 19.*

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**Mr. Speer**  
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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
February 22, 1928.

The General Council of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, pursuant to the order of adjournment, at 10 A.M., February 22, 1928, in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., and was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, who opened the meeting by reading Psalm 24, and offering prayer.

The roll was called, and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. Frank H. Sibley, Financial Secretary

Ministers: Drs. William O. Thompson, John W. MacIvor, Mark A. Matthews,  
John Timothy Stone, William R. Taylor, Samuel T. Wilson,  
Henry C. Swearingen, Charles R. Erdman.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. George Nicholson, William M. Cosby,  
John M. T. Finney, M.D., Fred B. Shipp, J. Willison Smith  
Albert A. Reed, S. Frank Shattuok, George G. Barber.

Board Representatives: Drs. John A. Marquis, Francis Shunk Downs,  
William C. Covert, Henry B. Master.

Corresponding Members: Mrs. Fred S. Bennett, Miss Margaret E. Hodge

On behalf of the General Council, the Secretary expressed its gratification at the presence of Miss Hodge after her illness.

The Secretary presented the excuse of Mr. J. J. Ross for his absence, which was duly sustained.

The Secretary announced that the Rev. William P. Schell, D.D. had resigned as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions on the General Council, and that the Board had elected in his place the Rev. Francis Shunk Downs, D.D., whose presence was duly noted.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Council an omission from the minutes of the last meeting as mailed to the members, namely, that the motion of Dr. Mark A. Matthews with reference to regional secretaries, included also the district secretaries of the Boards. With this amendment, the minutes as mailed to the members, were made the official minutes of the last meeting of the General Council.

The Council voted to follow the order of business as outlined in the preliminary docket, with the understanding that the presentation of the report of the Special Committee on Judicial Procedure should be the order of the day at 2.30 P.M., to be followed by the reports of other special committees.

On motion of Dr. Finney, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the distribution of papers as made by the Secretary was approved.

The Secretary reported that with the cooperation of the Council through its Secretary, the dissolution of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh (Welsh), referred to the Council by the General Assembly through Overture 31 of 1927, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh (Welsh) had been effected.

The Secretary reported the acceptance of the invitations of the General Assembly to attend the 1928 Assembly by Drs. Francis L. Patten, Wallace Radcliffe and Henry van Dyke, and on motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Cosby, the Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., was asked to act as the official host of the former moderators during their stay at the General Assembly.

The Secretary reported the acceptance by Dr. Frederick W. Leetscher, subject to the approval of the next General Assembly, of his appointment to deliver an address at the 1929 Assembly on "The Bicentenary Celebration of the Adopting Act."

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the instructions of the General Council, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk had prepared and sent out to the Church, a letter concerning the evangelistic emphasis and the deepening of the spiritual life of the churches.

The Administrative Committee presented its report through the Secretary, which was adopted seriatim, as follows:

1. That the General Council approve the amended articles of incorporation and the amended constitution of the National Presbyterian Church, and request Dr. George B. Stewart and Dr. Jehn C. Palmer to revise the submitted report of the National Capital Presbyterian Commission, with the idea of bringing to the fore the proposed National Presbyterian Church, and omitting as far as possible, reference to other plans and projects. (On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Nicholson.)

2. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk, in consultation with representative women, select a group of 15 representative women who shall be invited to a conference with the Council at its meeting next November, reporting their names at the next meeting of the Council. That the paper presented by Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hedge as a special committee of the Council on the Status of Women in the Church as a Cause of Unrest, be under restricted distribution until further orders from the General Council. (On motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Finney.)

3. That the General Council elect Mr. David McConaughy as a director of the Hubbard Press, representing the General Council, to serve for the ensuing year. (On motion of Dr. Marquis, seconded by Dr. Taylor.)

4. That the following rule be transmitted to the Permanent Judicial Commission with the recommendation that it, or a similar rule, be adopted and reported to the next General Assembly for approval:

"Any member or members of the Commission shall have the right to present to the General Assembly a dissenting opinion or opinions, provided said member or members file said dissenting opinion or opinions in complete form with the Commission in regular session assembled, not less than twenty-four hours before the presentation of the judgment of the Commission in the case to the General Assembly; and provided, that in the opinion of a majority of the Commission, the dissenting opinion or opinions in the case adhere to the record in the case. The dissenting opinion or opinions, if found in order by the Commission, the decision of which in this regard shall be final, and read to the General Assembly, shall be printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly immediately following the judgment of the Commission in the case at issue and adopted by the General Assembly." (Motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Erdman.)

5. That the Committee on Supplies be abolished. (Motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Cosby.)

6. That the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be requested to formulate and submit to a future meeting of the Council, a plan for placing absentee church members in touch with Presbyterian or other churches in the neighborhood of their present residence. (Motion of Dr. Swearingen, seconded by Dr. Taylor.)

7. Representatives of the Presbytery of Muncie having requested further consideration by the General Council of Overture 22, referred by the 1927 General Assembly to the General Council for recommendation, it was voted that the action of the General Council taken at its last meeting be confirmed, and that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a sub-committee, with power, to prepare a further statement concerning the type of cases referred to in this Overture. (Motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Stone.)

The Moderator appointed a subcommittee consisting of Drs. Swearingen, Mudge and the Moderator, who agreed to the following statement being appended to the former action taken by the General Council: namely,

All that would seem to be called for to meet the desires of the Presbytery of Muncie is the declaration now made, and its adoption by the Assembly, authoritatively declaring that each Presbytery has now both the powers and the duties contemplated in the overture from the Presbytery of Muncie, and that every Presbytery should fulfill these duties and exercise these powers whenever in its judgment their exercise is called for by the interests of the Church.

8. That the Chairman and the Secretary be authorized to prepare the report of the General Council for insertion in the Blue Book, and that the Chairman be authorized to associate with himself such others in the presentation of the report to the General Assembly as he may deem wise. (Motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Erdman.)

9. That the Secretary be requested to write to the Rev. D. T. Robertson, D.D., who had addressed a letter to the General Council requesting that he present evidence in support of his statements in order that the Council may give his letter proper consideration. (Motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Finney.)

10. That the Council recommends to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the placing of the Presbyterian Magazine, and the Mission Study books prepared under the joint auspices of the Boards, on the docket of the General Assembly at suitable times within the periods assigned to the Council under the Standing Rules. (Motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Cosby.)

11. That the Secretary send to the Stated Clerks of the Welsh Synods, a letter supplementary to that sent to said Stated Clerks by direction of the General Council at its last meeting, suggesting the desirability of a conference on a mutually agreeable date in the fall, each Synod being requested to send to the conference the Chairman of its Home Mission Committee, the Chairman of its Program and Field Activities Committee, and one additional member: the subjects to be considered at the conference to be, the home mission work of the Welsh Synods and Presbyteries; participation in the promotional program of the Church; ways and means of making more effective the union formally consummated in 1920. (Motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Matthews.)

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the report of the Administrative Committee was adopted as a whole.

The Budget and Finance Committee presented its report through its Chairman, Mr. J. Willison Smith, which was adopted seriatim, as follows:

1. Your Committee reports having received from the four Boards the data requested from them relative to their budgets of appropriation for the fiscal year 1928-1929. This data is in satisfactory shape and has been referred to the Secretary of Finance.

2. Your Committee received a delegation from the Presbytery of Philadelphia in connection with their claim of a moral right to frequent for the offices they maintain in the Witherspoon Building. The Chairman of the Committee has appointed a sub-committee composed of Mr. A. A. Reed, Chairman; Dr. John W. MacIvor and Mr. S. Frank Shattuck, to consider the question further, with the expectation that this sub-committee will report at the next meeting of the General Council.

3. The four Boards inform your Committee that they expect to be able to include in their next annual reports, statements of their properties used in the field or in their work. These properties are net income producing, and instructions that the Boards should report them as soon as they could arrange so to do, were passed by the General Council at its meeting on March 9, 1927.

4. Your Committee has already presented a Comparative Study of Overhead in the benevolence Boards, for the year 1926-1927 vs. 1925-1926. The four Boards were requested to, and did, have representatives appear before your Committee for the discussion of this report. We feel that much valuable information was brought out in the discussion, and we are assured that the Boards fully recognize the importance of reducing overhead costs as rapidly as possible. The Committee makes two suggestions, as follows:

(1) That the Secretary of Finance be authorized to have the auditors, employed by the Boards for the purpose of annual audits, make test checks for two periods of one month each (the particular two months to be selected annually by the Secretary of Finance) of the distribution of expenditures in accordance with the Uniform Classification authorized by the General Council in March 1927, and report the findings directly to the Secretary of Finance. The Boards would have to be instructed to authorize their Auditors to do this. We believe it would incur no additional expense as such checks would be made anyhow. (Adopted, motion of Dr. Finney, seconded by Mr. Nicholson.)

(2) That the Boards be instructed to charge off cost of original purchase or renewal of furniture or fixtures, including mechanical office equipment such as typewriters, adding machines, etc. over fixed periods of time. It is suggested that furniture, and fixtures generally (excluding mechanical equipment) be charged off one-tenth each year, over a ten year period; while mechanical equipment be charged off one-fifth each year over a five year period. That the Secretary of Finance be given authority to decide in which category (five or ten year period) a given article belongs. Further, that such Boards as carry a "capital" account of furniture and fixtures (by whatever name called) be instructed to charge off the balance shown in such account as of March 31, 1928, over a period of ten years, one-tenth annually. (Adopted, motion of Mr. Cosby, seconded by Dr. Taylor.)

5. Your Committee at the last meeting of the General Council took under consideration the matter of permitting the Boards to solicit contributions for "Capital Purposes" outside the Basic Benevolence Budget. Your Committee feels that this is an important matter, and in regard to it, they make the following report:

It seems fair to state that whatever opposition may exist to the present basic benevolence budget authorized by the General Council is due to the fear in the Boards, especially in the two larger Boards, and more especially in the Foreign Board, that it may create "a wall against advance instead of a wall against retreat." (The quotation is from a letter of Dr. Robert E. Speer to Mr. J. Willison Smith, July 21, 1926.) The Budget and Finance Committee has always been mindful of this fear and although the Committee strongly upholds the principles of the Basic Benevolence Budget, it has watched the manner of their working out with a careful eye.

The Committee has seen, in the figures for the three completed years which have elapsed since consolidation of the Boards, strong evidence of a tendency of the benevolence contributions of the Church to stabilize at a total of between ten and eleven millions of dollars. The Committee finds it difficult to ascribe any one reason for this apparent stabilization, but thinks that a number of reasons jointly bear upon the result.

There are many factors which enter into the raising of a budget of contributions, especially a budget so large as that asked for the benevolent activities of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and there is strong evidence that in the raising of this budget there has been, not the complete cooperation between the Program and Field

Activities Committee of the General Council and the Boards which was hoped for, but there still ohtrudes to an extent the old competitive efforts of the Boards to attain their objectives without too much regard for other agencies of the Church working in the same endeavor.

It seems quite clear that duplications in promotional activities have resulted. There rises a grave fear in some of our minds that too much is being done in a promotional way rather than too little. It seems to the Committee that in the varying efforts made to raise the budget and in the conflicting aims and methods used, a confusion results which has retarded, rather than advanced, the raising of benevolence funds. That this should be the case after the drastic consolidation of the Boards and Agencies of the Church seems not unnatural. It was such confusion and competition between the Boards and Agencies of the Church which brought about the consolidation into four Boards. It was more easily possible to change the form of organization than to change the human element. But to attain the success we all desire the human element must change, and must adapt itself to the forms of organization which the General Assembly has approved. This change of the human element takes time but it can be made effective.

But in the failure of the consolidated Boards and the staff of the Program and Field Activities Committee of the General Council to function exactly, or as well, as planned, we cannot lay the whele blame for this apparent stabilizaton on contributions. We must look further.

We think that in the Basic Benevolence Budget plan, splendid as it is, there is insufficient opportunity offered to the potentially large giver, the man or woman of great wealth, to find the interest which grows into an impelling desire to give. We feel that if this interest, which is largely an interest in specific things, has been insufficiently provided for in the Basic Benevolence Budget, as now projected, it is not too soon to make some alterations which will safeguard the Church against a stabilized budget or against retreat.

Before suggesting a plan for such alterations we desire to state several facts which have influenced us in making our plan.

The Boards are at present obtaining only enough funds from the contributions to the Basic Benevolence Budget to continue the work already under way. In the Board of National Missioms and in the Board of Christian Education definite contractions in work have been forced. Only in the Board of Pensions has a satisfactory advance been made and that advance came through the great efforts of the Laymen's Committee in the raising of the Pension Service Fund.

The Basic Benevolence Budget may truthfully be said to be supporting only the work now organized and under way. It covers the "operating expenses" of the work. There are no funds for improvements. There is no "capital" for advance. In the event of a great emergency thereis no arrangement for meeting it adeqatcly.

There are facts which the Budget and Finance Committee finds it impossible to ignore, and we offer the suggestions that:

(1) The present Basic Benevolence Budget be defined so that in intent it will apply only to "operating expenses" of existing facilities and work; and to improvements and extensions requiring in any one particular case less than \$5,000.00.

(2) That the Budget and Finance Committee be authorized to consider requests from the Boards, at such time or times as the Budget and Finance Committee may decide upon, for funds for "capital purposes", and grant the Boards permission to solicit funds for such purposes (which will be outside of the Basic Benevolence Budget) under certain regulations hereinafter set forth. All "capital purposes" thus favorably considered by the Budget and Finance Committee are to be reported by the Budget and Finance Committee to the General Council at its next regular meeting for approval by the Council. In the event of an emergency, approval may be obtained by the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee by mail or telegram, first from his own Committee, after which the matter will be submitted to each member of the General Council. A majority of the members of the Council must vote affirmatively before the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee may act. Should a "Capital Purpose" be approved and authorized in this manner it must be submitted for confirmation at the next regular meeting of the General Council.

(3) The term "Capital Purpose" to be defined as including land, buildings, permanent plan and equipment; also extraordinary repairs thereto; also endowments thereof; but it does not include replacement of incidental equipment, minor repairs to buildings, or expenses of operation.

(4) Under such a definite, "Capital Purposes" are separated into three classes:

- a. New properties, including land, buildings, permanent plan and equipment.
- b. Extraordinary replacements or extraordinary repairs to existing properties; and
- c. Endowment funds for new or existing institutions or properties.

(5) The Boards in making requests or applications for "Capital Purposes" must state each proposition separately - that is, propositions must not be grouped. In each instance a short but reasonably clear description of the proposition should be given.

(6) No "Capital Purpose" for a sum less than \$5,000.00 to be asked for.

(7) The propositions must not be vague or general in character, nor should they be of an annually or frequently recurring kind. Each proposition must have a distinct and inherent appeal as funds for them are to be sought outside of the Basic Benevolence Budget and the appeals must not interfere or conflict with the collection of that Budget in any way.

(8) The total amount which each proposition is expected to require should be named, and then should be listed the principal



items which enter into the prospective cost, such as, for class "a" propositions, the cost of land, cost of buildings, cost of furniture and other equipment, and such other expenses as may be necessary; while for class "b" propositions the principal items of cost involved in the replacements or repairs should be listed. As for class "c" propositions, the full amount to be asked for should be named and any data bearing on the proposition should be given for the Budget and Finance Committee will scrutinize all propositions of this kind very carefully, as they feel that endowments can never adequately take the place of support of living givers. Too often, the Committee believes, an endowed institution not only loses the support of the living and thinking givers, but, through the fact of its endowment, an institution may be continued long after the real need of it has passed.

(9) In the case of class "a" propositions, a statement should also be made indicating what prospective additional expense the Board will be required to provide annually for the necessary upkeep and operating expenses. Should an endowment fund provide for such expenses a statement to that effect should be made.

(10) Solicitations for contributions for "Capital Purposes" are to be made only to individuals, and care must be taken that such contributions will not interfere with collection of the Basic Benevolence Budget. No organized campaign for any "Capital Purpose" or group of "Capital Purposes" is to be conducted without express authority of the General Council.

(11) All collections made by the Boards for "Capital Purposes" are to be reported separately from other receipts. They must be reported to the Budget and Finance Committee on Form 7 (Exhibit of Operations - Receipts) under "Receipts from living givers" in an account to be inserted, "6-R Capital Purposes - Outside Budget."

(12) All expenditures for "Capital Purposes" must be reported to the Budget and Finance Committee on Form 8 (Exhibit of Operations-Expenditures) under Service and Field Activities account 200 "Special Work Financed Outside Budget" which will probably be changed to read "Expenditures for Capital Purposes - Outside Budget."

(13) "Capital Purposes" not fully covered by contributions in one year will be again considered for the amount of the uncollected balance in the following year.

(14) If a gift for a "Capital Purpose", other than one properly authorized, is tendered voluntarily by an individual or a group of individuals, to a Board, that Board shall have the right to accept such gift, but it should be reported at once to the Budget and Finance Committee, which committee will in turn report it to the General Council at its next regular meeting. Should the annual operating expense or upkeep of property involved in such gift have to be provided by the Board, the should such expense be greater than 5% of the value of the gift, the Budget and Finance Committee should be consulted before the gift is accepted.

(15) Should any Board end a year with a surplus derived from its Basic Benevolence Budget contributions it may apply such surplus to nay one or more "Capital Purposes" already authorized as the Board may decide upon.

It was voted that the Chairman appoint a Special Committee to consider this matter, with power to invite assistance or information from any other persons desirable. In this connection, the Chairman has appointed Dr. Swearingen, Dr. Stone, Mr. Smith, Dr. Marquis, Dr. Govert, Dr. Downs.

6. Your Committee reports progress in the study of the suggestions made by Mr. George D. Dayton, for the organization of "The Presbyterian Foundation."

7. Your Committee has noted from a letter received from Mr. Alfred E. Marling, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, in regard to the progress being made by that Board in securing a Treasurer.

8. Your Committee reports with its approval, the Budget of the General Assembly for 1928-1929, as follows: (Motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Thompson.)

#### BUDGET OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. Meeting of the General Assembly:			
Mileage		\$	\$ 65,000.00
Entertainment			25,000.00
II. Appropriations voted by the General Assembly:			
General Council	8,500.00		
Permanent Judicial Commission	1,500.00		
Special Committees, etc.	2,000.00		
Moderator's Expenses	1,500.00		
World Presbyterian Alliance	4,500.00		
World Conf. on Faith and Order	1,000.00*		
Mrs. William Henry Roberts	<u>1,200.00</u>		20,200.00
III. Office of the General Assembly:			
Salary of the Stated Clerk			8,000.00
1. Administration Department:			
Salaries - Manager	5,400.00		
2 Stenographers	3,500.00		
1 Clerk	1,500.00		
Office supplies	500.00		
Postage, telephone, telegraph	1,500.00		
Miscellaneous	500.00		
Travel of Stated Clerk	750.00		
Printing	4,500.00		
Expenses at General Assembly	<u>1,500.00</u>		19,680.00
The Minutes of the General Assembly			25,000.00
2. Publicity Department:			
Salaries - Manager	6,000.00		
Assistant	2,000.00		
Stenographer	1,000.00		
Rent	936.00		
Postage, telephone, telegraph	1,200.00		
Office supplies	500.00		
Printing	2,600.00		
Travel	<u>850.00</u>		15,146.00

3. Vacancy and Supply Department:			
Salaries - Manager		\$3,200.00	
1 Stenographer		1,404.00	
Printing and multigraphing		2,050.00	
Postage, telephone, telegraph		900.00	
Office supplies		234.00	
Rent		<u>312.00</u>	8,100.00
4. Department of Church Cooperation & Union:			
Meetings of the Department			2,000.00
5. Historical Research and Conservation Dept.			
Salaries - Manager		5,000.00	
1 Clerk		1,350.00	
Printing, supplies, etc.		<u>2,000.00</u>	8,350.00
IV. Service Pension Fund:			
Payments for employees of the General Assembly:			
Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., LL.D.		600.00	
Henry Barraclough		405.00	
A. Theodora Nixon		<u>240.00</u>	1,245.00
V. Office of the Secretary of Finance:			
Salaries - Secretary of Finance		7,000.00	
1 Stenographer		1,600.00	
Rent		504.00	
Stationery and printing		300.00	
Travel		700.00	
Postage, telephone, telegraph		50.00	
Office supplies		250.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>100.00</u>	10,504.00
			<u>\$208,225.00</u>

Estimated income to be received for the year 1927-28      \$210,000.00

\* Subject to change to less sum if recommended by the Department of Church Cooperation and Union.

9. Your Committee recommends the following: Whereas the General Council has directed that the fiscal year for the Staff of the Program and Field Activities Committee of the General Council shall begin April 1st of each year instead of June 1st as heretofore, and Whereas the work of the Staff requires that it expend more than the monthly pro rata of its budget during the first 10 months of the year,

Be it Resolved, that the General Council authorize the Comptroller of the Staff of the Committee to requisition from the Boards a sum necessary to meet this excess expenditure as of March 31, 1928, with the understanding that this sum will not exceed \$5,000.00. (Motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Marquis.)

The report as a whole was then adopted.

The General Council then took recess from 12.45 P.M. to 2 P.M., and the closing prayer was offered by Dr. Wilson.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
February 22, 1928.

The General Council of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., assembled after recess at 2 P.M., February 22, 1928, in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., and was opened with prayer by Dr. Taylor.

All the members of the Council as recorded at the opening of the morning session, were present.

The Program and Field Activities Committee presented its report through its Chairman, Dr. Swearingen, as follows:

1. As an item of information and for record, your Committee reports that the Field Workers Conference will be held June 27, 28 and 29, 1928, at the Lake Geneva, Wis., Y.M.C.A. grounds.
2. That the Committee appointed to make a study of our Presbyterian Publications and printed matter reported progress, and the need of money to meet necessary expenses. Authorization was given the Committee to draw on the Operating Budget of the General Council for its necessary expenses, if funds within the budget will permit.
3. That the Operating Budget for the united promotional work of the General Council be \$235,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1928.
4. The Chairman of the Operating Committee reported progress relative to the preparation of a statement to be prepared by the Operating Committee and submitted to the Secretary of the General Council for approval, covering the structure and functions of the General Council and its Staff for distribution throughout the Church.
5. That the General Council make suitable recognition with high appreciation of the faithful service of Mr. Horace P. Camden in connection with the Presbyterian Magazine, which with its predecessors, he has managed for twenty-five years. This is an anniversary occasion which the Church should note with gratitude. Your Committee records its satisfaction with the marked improvement in the Magazine under the editing of the Rev. James G. Bailey, and his associates, and appreciates the general and encouraging progress of the Magazine.
6. That an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 be added to the Operating Budget of the General Council for the specific purpose of meeting to that amount any probable deficit in the cost of producing the Presbyterian Magazine, any unused part of which to revert to the Operating Budget of the General Council.
7. That concerning a tentative suggestion presented by the Associate Secretary of the General Council, dealing with the matter of a more unified promotional plan for the Church, ultimately looking to increased efficiency and reduced cost, as a basis for further study: your Committee recommends that the suggestions be referred to the Staff of the General Council and the Operating Committee for additional suggestions as to: (a) probable reduction in the cost of promotion; (b) efficiency and practicability; (c) methods adopted by other communions; (d) effect upon the missionary benevolences of

communions having adopted methods of promotion similar to the suggestions under consideration.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Judicial Procedure, this Committee presented its report through its Chairman, Dr. Matthews; said report on motion of Dr. Marquis, seconded by Dr. Swearingen, was approved for transmission to the General Assembly with the recommendation that it be transmitted to the Presbyteries in the form of an overture or overtures.

The report is as follows:

#### THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The General Assembly shall erect a Judicial Commission to be known as the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall direct the General Council to select and nominate to the General Assembly fifteen persons whose names the General Assembly, if it confirms the nominees, shall transmit to the Presbyteries.

A nominee to be the choice of a Presbytery must receive a majority of the whole number of ballots cast in said Presbytery, and to be elected a member of the Commission, must be the choice of at least two-thirds of the whole number of Presbyteries.

The Permanent Judicial Commission shall be composed of fifteen members, eight of whom shall be ministers and seven of whom shall be ruling elders. Not more than one member of said Commission shall belong to the same Synod.

At the first election fifteen persons shall be selected - five to serve for two years, five for four years, and five for six years, and, thereafter five persons shall be nominated biennially by the General Council, reported to and sent down by the General Assembly to the Presbyteries to be elected by them to serve for six years.

The terms of the members of the Commission shall begin with the dissolution of the General Assembly at which they are declared to have been elected. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to canvass the votes for said Commissioners in the same manner required for the canvassing of the returns on overtures. The canvass having been made, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to declare in the same form of declaration he is required to make in the adoption of an overture by the Presbyteries, the person or persons elected.

No person who holds any other official position in the Church under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Assembly shall be qualified to accept membership on the Permanent Judicial Commission until he shall have resigned such other official position.

Vacancies due to death, resignation, failure of election by the Presbyteries or to any other cause shall be filled by the election of a qualified person or persons for the unexpired term, in the same manner as herein above provided.

The General Assembly shall transmit to the Permanent Judicial Commission any and all judicial business, papers, cases and problems involving judicial jurisdiction, and, may transmit to said Commission any case, requiring judicial adjudication, and may refer to the Commission any and all polity matters, questions and interpretations.

(The above suggestions are amendments to paragraph 125, p.402 of the Book of Discipline, 1924.)

The meetings of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall be held at any time and place said Commission may elect, provided the Commission shall assemble on the Tuesday morning prior to the convening of the General Assembly on Thursday morning of each year. The Commission shall begin to report its judgments to the General Assembly on the first Friday of the General Assembly's session.

(This is a modification of par.128, p.403, B. of D., 1924.)

#### PROCEDURE.

1. The Moderator, when convening the General Assembly and constituting the said General Assembly as a court, shall declare that only such Commissioners as are present at the moment when the General Assembly is so constituted, are members of the Court; and he shall order the departure from the floor and platform of the General Assembly of all who are not Commissioners, officers of the General Assembly, or members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, and shall take efficient measures to the end that when the Court has been constituted, no person shall either enter upon the floor or platform, or depart therefrom.
2. Members of the General Assembly from a Presbytery or a Synod, which is a party to the case shall be prohibited from voting on the confirmation or rejection of the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission, and, prior to the putting of the question the Moderator shall explain this rule to the General Assembly.
3. The judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall be read to the General Assembly.
4. Any member or members of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall have the right to make, form and read to the General Assembly and file with the Stated Clerk a dissenting opinion or opinions, provided the person or persons forming, reading and filing said dissenting opinion or opinions shall have read at least twenty-four hours previously to the Permanent Judicial Commission his or their dissenting opinion or opinions. Said dissenting opinion or opinions shall not contain matters outside the record of the case under consideration.
5. Said dissenting opinion or opinions shall be printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly following the judgment that may be adopted by the General Assembly in the case at issue.
6. No member of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall argue for or against the judgment or in any way participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly in the adoption or rejection of the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission.

7. No person or persons forming, reading and filing dissenting opinion or opinions shall have the right to argue for or against said dissenting opinion or opinions before the General Assembly in its proceedings to adopt or reject the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission, nor shall any other member of the Permanent Judicial Commission have such a right.

8. The Moderator of the General Assembly, immediately after the reading of the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission and the reading of the dissenting opinion or opinions, should there be such, shall put the question as follows: "Shall the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission become the judgment of the General Assembly?"

9. The General Assembly immediately after the putting of the question, without debate, shall vote.

10. Except as herein provided the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission, elected by the Presbyteries and sitting instead of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, shall be the final judgment in each case issued and tried by said Permanent Judicial Commission, provided:

(a) The litigants may have the right to petition to said Commission for a rehearing or a retrial of the case.

(b) The Permanent Judicial Commission shall be empowered to grant a rehearing or a new trial provided the facts, laws and conditions on which a rehearing or a retrial may be justified exist, and are presented in legal form to the Commission within sixty days after the judgment has been confirmed by the General Assembly.

(c) The litigants before the Permanent Judicial Commission shall have the right, should the General Assembly confirm the judgment of the Commission, to petition said Commission within sixty days to modify or suspend the judgment of said Commission, provided said modifications, if granted by the Commission, shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for confirmation.

(d) Should the General Assembly reject the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission, said rejection shall automatically act as remittal for retrial of the case by the Permanent Judicial Commission. Should the next General Assembly reject the second judgment of the Commission the General Assembly shall then appoint a person or persons to represent said General Assembly before said Commission in a further consideration of the case. The third judgment rendered by the Permanent Judicial Commission in the case shall become the confirmed judgment of the General Assembly without further action by the General Assembly, provided such third judgment is concurred in by not less than 12 members of the Commission.

11. Except as hereinbefore provided, when the General Assembly sitting as a court renders its judgment by confirming the judgment of the Permanent Judicial Commission, said judgment shall become the permanent and binding judgment in the case.

(This is a modification or amendment of par.129, p.403, B. of D., 1924. Adopt par.130 on p.403 and p.404, provided you omit the word "proliminary" before the word "judgment" on p.403, and

the word "preliminary" before the word "judgment" on p.404.  
Copy par. 131, repeal pars. 132, 133, 134.)

Repeal p.126 and 127, and insert the following:

The Permanent Judicial Commission shall have the power to make its own rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Church, provided in making said rules it shall require that not less than a majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and provided further that the Commission may, in its discretion, adopt a rule or standard for determining the form and scope of any judgment or dissenting opinion.

12. OF JUDICIAL CASES IN PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS  
(Book of Discipline, Chap.XIII)

118. A Presbytery or a Synod may elect from the ministers and ruling elders subject to its jurisdiction, a Permanent Judicial Commission, which shall be composed of not less than seven members for a Presbytery, four ministers and three ruling elders; and not less than eleven members for a Synod, six ministers and five ruling elders. The term of office in said Permanent Judicial Commission shall be six years.

Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent a Presbytery or a Synod from electing at its own discretion Special Judicial Commissions, which shall be subject to the same rules so far as they apply, that pertain to a Permanent Judicial Commission. To such a Special Judicial Commission, the electing judicatory may transmit any judicial case for hearing and decision.

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The Board of Pensions reported through its Secretary, Dr. Master, concerning the retirement of and retirement allowance for Board Secretaries, as follows:

In the matter of the allowance for Board Secretaries we suggest:

1. That there be for all the Boards a uniform policy as to the age of retirement of Secretaries and other staff employees and as to the retirement allowance to be provided.
2. That the standard retirement allowance for 35 years of service in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. shall be based upon the maximum pension provided under the Service Pension Plan (at present \$2,000.00 per annum). Where a given individual, now in the service of the Boards, would not, under the operation of the Plan, secure the maximum pension from the Board of Pensions, the Board which has been served by the official to be retired shall be authorized to provide such an additional amount in excess of the pension received from the Board of Pensions as to build that pension up to the maximum.

That the widow of such an official shall receive not only one-half of the pension which comes to her automatically from the Board of Pensions, but that she shall receive also one-half of the Board's extra allowance necessary to build her husband's pension up to the maximum during her lifetime.



It should be understood also that in any case where one-half of the officer's salary does not equal \$2,000.00 then the maximum pension in such case shall be 50% of the salary which such official was receiving at the time of his or her ceasing to serve the Board because of retirement.

3. That such retirement shall be optional at the age of 65, but compulsory in every case at the age of 70.

On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Stone, it was voted that the adoption of these rules should not affect the present contractual obligations of the Boards with their employees, but after their adoption by the General Assembly, the rules shall apply to all persons so employed.

The Board of Pensions reported through its Secretary, Dr. Master, concerning the pensioning of evangelists, and on motion of Dr. Covert seconded by Mr. Cosby, the report was adopted as follows, for presentation to the General Assembly:

1. Provision was originally made in the Plan to cover the services of all evangelists who are acting directly under the supervision of their Presbyteries or Synods. All such service is counted by the Board as is the service of a pastor, or missionary, in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Board has never felt that it was able to count the service of evangelists who were laboring throughout the Church even though they maintained their good standing in the Presbyteries to which they belong. No one had any supervision over the labor of these evangelists who were working upon their own responsibility and in so many cases in interdenominational meetings. It was found to be well nigh impossible to secure any exact or definite statements of the amounts received for such service as these evangelists rendered, and of course a man might be an evangelist under these conditions and be so described in the General Assembly Minutes, even though he held a single meeting a year, or for that matter, even though he had no meetings a year. It never seemed fair to the Board or just to the other pensioners to assume a service as continuing through the years under these conditions.

2. The Board would therefore propose that beginning April 1, 1928, if the General Assembly should decree, upon the motion of the General Council, that evangelists, other than those employed by Presbyteries and Synods, shall be specifically authorized for such work by the Presbyteries to which they belong; they shall report to the Presbyteries to which they belong as to their service in each given year, and it shall be the duty of Presbytery through its Stated Clerk to certify this service rendered upon the request of the Board of Pensions.

We further suggest that it be left to the Presbytery to decide upon what salary basis the evangelist shall compute the amount upon which he is to pay into the Pension Fund. In every case it ought to be, it seems to us, the man's actual earnings in any given year, unless this should fall below a minimum of \$1,200.00, in which case the man should be asked to pay upon the basis of \$1,200.00. It should be understood furthermore that this arrangement is not to be retroactive beyond April 1, 1928.

The Board of Pensions reported through its Secretary, Dr. Mastor, concerning the request of the Southwestern Sanatorium at Albuquerque, N.Mex., for the appointment of an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the institution, that there was no objection but rather the hope that such an appointment would be made. On motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board of Pensions was directed to nominate to said Board of Directors for election as an ex-officio member thereof, some one satisfactory to the Board.

The Board of Pensions reported through its Secretary, Dr. Master, concerning the general subject of the relation to the General Assembly of philanthropic institutions having semi-official relationship of some sort to the Church. The report was received with thanks, and the subject left with the Board for further consideration. The report is as follows:

The Board of Pensions acknowledges the receipt of the following motion offered at the meeting of the General Council at Chicago, on November 30, 1927:

"The Board of Pensions was also requested to report to the General Council at its next meeting concerning the general subject of the relation to the General Assembly of philanthropic institutions having semi-official relationship of some sort to the Church."

The Board has given careful consideration to this and submits the following report:

Unknown millions of Presbyterian money are being poured into orphanages, hospitals, asylums, and homes for the aged all over the United States. In almost every large city there are such institutions and among their most generous supporters are many members of the Presbyterian Church. Not only do these Presbyterians themselves give liberally of their wealth, but as officers, or directors, or friends of those philanthropic enterprises they join in "drives" and "campaigns" and "tag days" and "fairs" in the effort to secure funds for them. They are prodigal in the expenditure of their time and in gifts of money while they seek to discharge their obligations to the orphan, the sick and the aged. So well known is this generosity of Presbyterians that Mr. Dwight L. Moody is reported to have said that if he were compelled to raise an hundred thousand dollars for any cause in any city, he would expect to secure eighty per cent of it from Presbyterians! And Mr. Moody was himself a Congregationalist.

It comes as a shock therefore to discover how few of these multitudinous institutions which Presbyterians thus support are in any sense Presbyterian. The vast majority of them have no Presbyterian affiliation whatsoever. There are some which are under direct Presbyterian control although there is nothing in their official title or designation to indicate any ecclesiastical connection. For purposes of classification we include all Presbyterian homes, orphanages or hospitals in one of three groups:

1. Those which are known as Presbyterian which are under direct ecclesiastical control.

2. Those which may or may not be known as "Presbyterian" but which are so in fact because their officers or directors are practically all Presbyterians.

3. Those which may or may not bear the name Presbyterian; but which are not directly responsible to the Presbyterian Church although largely or wholly supported by Presbyterians.

Examples of institutions of the first group are The San Francisco Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm, at San Anselmo, Martin Co., Cal; the Synodical Presbyterian Hospital, Waterloo, Ia., under the care of the Synod of Iowa; the Presbyterian Home of Maryland (for the aged) at Baltimore, Md.

Examples of the second group are, The Dorothy Love Presbyterian Homes in the Synod of Ohio; the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of Philadelphia; the Home for the Friendless in the Bronx; the Mercer Home for aged Presbyterian ministers who do not use Tobacco, at Ambler, Pa., the Presbyterian Orphanage at Philadelphia, Pa.

Examples of the third group are, The Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Single Men, at Bala, Pa; the Home for Aged Women, at Troy, N.Y; the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

It must be borne in mind that it is extremely difficult to gather the information one would like to have concerning these various institutions. During the year 1927 a circular letter was sent to the Stated Clerks of all the Presbyteries of the Church, asking the following inquiries:

1. The names of all such Presbyterian institutions within the bounds of that particular Presbytery.
2. The sort of work carried on by each institution.
3. Are they Presbyterian in name only, or are they under the supervision of a local Presbyterian Church, Presbytery or Synod.
4. How are they supported.

Replies came back from 176 Presbyteries. Of these 133 answered that there was no institution of public charity, which was under direct ecclesiastical control, within the bounds of those Presbyteries. Among the remaining 43 Presbyteries, 73 institutions were catalogued - all falling into one of the three groups just enumerated. It was the failure of some of the Presbyteries to reply to the inquiry which makes it impossible to say that 44 is the total number of such institutions which should be known as Presbyterian. It is more than likely that the number is slightly greater than this. How much greater it is impossible to discover at this moment.

Nevertheless, if we may assume there are at least six institutions of which there is no report and that the total number must

therefore be somewhere in the neighborhood of 78 - even this makes a most disappointing showing. It would be infinitely worse if we did not know - as we do - that Presbyterians are doing a splendid work along these very lines although through non-Presbyterian channels.

Probably the same thing is true of the Northern Baptists - mighty in number of members - though they only report 23 charitable institutions. In a report made to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, under date of April 7, 1922, Rev. Jehn Dixon, D.D., of the Home Board says: "In order to get a side light on the ecclesiastical interest taken by the denominations in Public Institutions of Charity, a study was made of the United States Government report on Homes for Children." It appears that throughout our country there are approximately 451 such institutions, divided as follows:

Roman Catholics	280
Episcopalians	61
Lutherans (all branches)	41
Methodists	30
Baptists	25
Presbyterians	16

The disproportion here between the Roman Catholic and the Protestant Churches is partially accounted for by the traditional attitude of the former Church toward childhood and the manner in which it keeps in touch with the young life of its Church through the Parochial school system. But when all is said and done, the fact remains that the Roman Catholics have in many instances outstripped the Protestants in the number of Public Institutions of Charity which they support.

When you come to study the distribution of these Presbyterian institutions, the attached list will be of help. It makes clear the fact that in those sections of the country where Presbyterianism is numerically preponderant, there are to be found the greatest number of such institutions. In New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Illinois are located 27 of the forty or fifty charitable enterprises. That they do not meet the needs of even the local communities in which they are established is well known. Moreover, while many of them give the preference to Presbyterians or children of Presbyterians, not a few serve the members of all churches without attempt at any discrimination, and this must limit their usefulness so far as Presbyterians are concerned.

A condition of entrance to several of the homes for the aged is that the applicant must have been a member of a Church in some particular Presbytery or Synod or a resident of the State in which the institution is located, for three or more years prior to the date of application for admission to the institution. The consequence is, of course, that the number of Presbyterians who might be served through these agencies is still further restricted. It is only fair to say, however, that as a rule the homes which make these conditions for entrance are usually filled to capacity. It does not seem likely that these Presbyterians or Presbyterian children who are denied admission to these homes or orphanages because there is no room for them (and no room because non-Presbyterians are received as gladly as members of the Church) would be any better off so far as admission to a charitable institution is concerned if the restriction as to

residence in a given locality were removed from every home and orphanage. In other words, they are all crowded to capacity.

It would not be supposed that the situation thus revealed is one which has been created by chance. It would be, perhaps, a mistake to assume that there are so few distinctively Presbyterian institutions because Presbyterians themselves give so generously to the enterprises of other denominations as well as to local and un-denominational institutions. In many instances this situation expresses the deliberate judgment of thoughtful men and women as to what is best for the Church and for the community. They believe that it is far better to support a home or orphanage or hospital in which the entire community is interested, and into which a Presbyterian may be received upon precisely the same terms as anyone else, than to establish a much smaller institution to care for a particular class. They point to the Young Men's Christian Association and similar organizations where confession of faith in Jesus Christ establishes a broad basis for friendliness and mutual helpfulness. Staunch Presbyterians themselves they simply cannot feel that denominational lines, or loyalty, have any bearing on, or connection with this enterprise of caring for the sick, the disabled, or the orphan child. This is the task, and ought to be the burden, of the whole community, and it is regarded as a mistake to do anything which will even tend to destroy the communal consciousness of this fact.

On the other hand, of course, there are those who seem to believe that it is the task of the individual church to care for its own members. They point out that it quickens the sense of solidarity, the feeling of denominational loyalty, to know that the Presbyterian Church is fulfilling its duty and accepting its responsibility for ALL the work with which it is rightly charged. These orphanages, homes and hospitals represent Christianity in raised letters - letters which even the spiritually blind can read. They constitute the best evidence of the spirit which inspires the service. Whatever can be said in favor of the establishment of such institutions in other lands - heathen lands - can be urged with equal force in favor of their establishment here in America. It is done in some measure by all the Churches. It is done to the extent of forty or fifty institutions by our own Church. Why not let our Presbyterian money testify in this open way to the spirit of generosity, of sympathy, of service, which lives within the Presbyterian Church.

There stands - for the moment - the problem which has been committed by the Committee on Reorganization, and by the General Council, to the Board of Pensions.

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STUDY OF HOSPITALS, HOMES, ORPHANAGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS  
OFFICIALLY OR SEMI-OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH, DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS.

Group 1. Those which are known as Presbyterian which are under direct ecclesiastical control.

Presbyterian Orphans' Home Society, 1118 S. Preston St. Louisville, Ky.  
Cumberland Rest Home for Aged, 1626 S. Ave., Fort Worth, Tex.

Presbyterian Home, Synod of New Jersey, Belvidere, N.J.  
 Bethany Home for Aged, Dubuque, Ia. (Synod of West, German.)  
 Presbyterian Home for Aged of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.  
 Egenton Home for Orphan Girls, Baltimore Md.  
 Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage and School, Albany, Tex.  
 Abbott Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Synod of New York has a Committee dealing with this subject, and the  
 proposition for a Synodical Home.  
 Gershon Settlement ) Social service agencies supported wholly  
 Dodge Christian Institute ) by Presbyterians and under direct control  
 Delray Christian Institute) of Presbytery of Detroit.  
 Home of Neighborly Service, San Antonio, Tex. (Bd. of Natl. Missions)  
 Mone Vista Groves Home for Ministers, Pasadena, Cal.  
 Presbyterian Home of Presby. of Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg, Pa.  
 Downer Home, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Laurel Hospital, White Rock, N.C.  
 Dispensary, Rocky Park, P.O. Flag Pond, Tenn.  
 Asheville Normal and Associated Schools, Asheville, N.C.  
 Farm School, Farm School, N.C.  
 Dorland Bell School, Hot Springs, B.C.  
 Synodical Presbyterian Hospital, Waterloo, Ia.  
 Home for Aged, Presbyterian Home of Central Pa., Newville, Pa.  
 San Francisco Presby. Orphanage and Farm, San Anselmo, Cal. (Synod)  
 Kemmerer Orphans Home, Assumption, Ill.  
 Hospital, Indian Wells, Ariz. ) Under Woman's Bd. of Natl. Missions.  
 Hospital, Ganado, Ariz. )  
 Presby. of Brooklyn-Nassau has "Home for Aged People", an incorporated  
 body which has fund of about \$70,000.00 income of which is to be used  
 to care for needy and aged people in homes and institutions.  
 Presbyterian Home Inc., 256 Thurston Rd., Rochester, N.Y. for aged  
 Presbyterian men and women within bounds of Rochester Presbytery.  
 Presbyterian Home for Aged, 1818 Newton, N.W. Washington, D.C.  
 Presbyterian Orphanage, Farmington, Mo. under control of Presby. Ch.  
 U.S.A. and Presby. Ch., U.S.  
 Synodical Presbyterian Orphanage, Anohorage, Ky.  
 Jessamine Withers Home, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Presbyterian Home for Aged, and Convalescent and Children, Evanston,  
 Olivet Institute, Chicago, Ill. Ill.  
 Merriam Home, Newton, N.J. ) Under control of  
 L'Amoreaux Home, Ballston Spa, N.Y. ) Board of Pensions  
 Thornton Home, Newburgh, Ind. ) Presbyterian Church  
 Elizabeth Haywood Home, Sharon, Pa. ) U.S.A.  
 Ministers Memorial Cottage, Albuquerque, N.Mex.)  
 Southwestern Presbyterian Sanatorium, Albuquerque, N.Mex.

Group 2. Those which may or may not be known as "Presbyterian" but  
 which are so in fact because their officers or directors are  
 practically all Presbyterians.

Presbyterian Hospital, New Orleans, La.  
 Presbyterian Home for Aged Women, New York City.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, Phila. Pa.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, City of New York.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.  
 Kenney Presbyterian Home, Seattle, Wash.

Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Aged Men, Bala, Pa.  
 Mercer Home for Aged Ministers, Ambler, Pa.  
 Presbyterian Orphanage, 58th and Chester Ave., Phila, Pa.  
 Cathcart Home, Devon, Pa.  
 Presbyterian Home for Widows and Single Women, Phila. Pa.  
 Ohio Presbyterian Homes, Sidney, O.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, Newark, N.J.  
 Presbyterian Hospital, Denver, Colo.  
 Home for Friendless, 936 Woody Crest Ave., New York City.

Group 3. Those which may or may not bear the name Presbyterian; but which are not directly responsible to the Presbyterian Church although largely or wholly supported by Presbyterians.

Presbyterian Eye, Ear, Throat Hospital, 1017 E. Baltimore St. Balto.  
 Job Haines Home for Aged People, Bloomfield, N.J.  
 Bloomfield Home for Aged, Bloomfield, N.J.  
 St. Luke's Hospital (Presby. of St. Paul) St. Paul, Minn., under control of Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Congregationalists.  
 Hollenbeck Home for Aged, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Jermain Home for Aged, Menands, New York.  
 Home for Aged, Leavenworth, Kans.  
 Home for Aged Women, Troy, N.Y.  
 McDowell Home for Girls, Buckhorn, Ky.  
 Worthington Home for Girls, Buckhorn, Ky.  
 Linwood Presbyterian Children's Home, 3204 Mich.Ave. Kansas City, Mo.  
 Menaul School, Albuquerque, N.Mex.  
 Otilie Orphan Asylum, Jamaica, N.Y.  
 Haddock Meml. Home for Babies, Phila. Pa.  
 The Rest Home, Pasadena, Cal.  
 Pasadena Home for Aged, Pasadena, Cal.

Institutions which have no relationship to the Presbyterian Church

Memorial Home Community for Retired Religious Workers, Penny Farms, Fla.  
 Leak and Watts Orphanage, Yonkers, N.Y.  
 Home for Inebriates, Chester Crest, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.  
 Buffalo Home of the Friendless, Buffalo, N.Y.  
 Penn. Asylum for Indigent Widows and Single Women, Kensington, Phila.  
 Mission School for Chinese Children, 953 E. 11th St. Oakland, Cal.

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State	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Total
Washington		1		1
California	2		3	5
Arizona	2			2
Colorado		1		1
New Mexico	1		2	3
Kansas			1	1
Minnesota	1		1	2
Iowa	2			2
Missouri	1		1	2
Louisiana		1		1
Wisconsin	1			1
Illinois	4	1		5

State	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Total
Michigan	3			3
Indiana	1			1
Kentucky	2			2
Tennessee	1		2	3
North Carolina	4			4
Washington, D.C.	1			1
Ohio		1		1
New York	2	3		5
Pennsylvania	3	7	3	13
Maryland	2		1	3
New Jersey	2	1	2	5
Texas	3			3
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On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Mudge, the following motion, made by Dr. Matthews at the meeting November 29, 1927, was referred to the Committee on Program and Field Activities for report at the next meeting of the General Council, namely: The question of the continuance in service of the regional secretaries of the promotional department of the General Council, and the district secretaries of the Boards.

The Special Committee to study the work of Administration, Publicity and Promotion of the Boards, through its Chairman, Mr. J. Willison Smith, reported that progress was being made in this study.

The Budget and Finance Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. J. Willison Smith, reported as follows concerning the subject of budget ratios:

Your Committee has had under consideration for some time the question of budget ratios, which question is being studied jointly with the Program and Field Activities Committee. We are giving careful study to the matter, but are still unable to report with definiteness. There are many baffling facets to the question. Since the last meeting of the General Council the Chairman of your Committee has received letters from both the National and the Foreign Boards complaining that the ratios assigned to those Boards in the Basic Benevolence Budget for 1928-1929 are not equitable. These letters bring new points of view into the discussion. The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee has replied to these letters. Your Committee hesitates to burden the council with this correspondence, unless it is the pleasure of the Council to request it. The Committee will make it available on request. The Budget and Finance Committee continues to study the budget ratios.

The Special Committee on Evangelistic Emphasis presented a report through its Chairman, Mr. Shipp, as follows:

It has not been found convenient, since the last meeting of the General Council, for the Committee on Evangelistic Emphasis to hold a



meeting and what is herewith submitted is, therefore, simple a statement from the Chairman, rather than a report of the Committee itself.

The interviews and the correspondence which it has been the Chairman's privilege to have had during the past few weeks with members of the staffs of the General Council, of the Boards of National Missions and of Christian Education; also with a few of our leading ministers, together with a careful reading each week of our denominational papers, would seem to justify the statement that there is evident today throughout the Church a renewed recognition of the fact that evangelism is the basic and primary task of the Church.

The several communications bearing on this subject which have been issued to the churches by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, together with the loyal response on the part of the representatives of our Boards to the call for greater emphasis on the place and the importance of evangelistic effort in the life and the work of the Church, have already been fruitful of encouraging results. To an extent not observed in recent years, synods and Presbyteries, in their meetings, have given the subject of evangelism right of way in their discussions and plans and in many churches, both large and small, in all parts of the country there has been stimulated a new interest in and zeal for activities and programs designed to win others to Christ and to the Church.

The course being followed in the Synod of Kansas is of interest. At the meeting of the Synod early in October the National Missions Commission was instructed to send down to the churches of the state an evangelistic quota, for the year ending March 31, 1928, of one new member on confession of faith for every 15 members. Attention was called to the fact that last year in that Synod it required 23.7 members to secure one new member on confession of faith. To each church was submitted the figures showing what was its record for the year ending March 31, 1927, and it was clearly indicated to the 37 churches that did not receive a single new member on confession of faith that it was expected of them that they would this year secure their quota of new members. Between February 27 and March 2 there will be held throughout the Synod five conferences in the interest of evangelism; the purpose of these meetings being ;

1. To check up on the evangelistic quotas of each church as recommended by the Synod.
2. To plan a follow-up and definite in-gathering in the few remaining weeks of the present Church year.
3. To consider ways and means for making an aggressive evangelistic effort in these churches during the new Church year beginning April 1, 1928.

Drs. Wm. F. Klein and Harvey Klear of the National Board's Division of Evangelism will cooperate in these five evangelistic conferences as they have been doing in similar conferences in other Synods. Dr. Marquis says that he believes that the special activity among our Kansas Churches in the interest of soul winning is typical of what most of the synods throughout the Church are doing.

The Division of Evangelism of the Board of National Missions has largely extended its work this year. Dr. Mahy reports that the extent of the work of the Division has been more than doubled and that the Division has found pastors, in an unusual degree, ready to make sacrifices of time and strength in order to fully carry out the purpose of the Assembly. There is an unusual demand, Dr. Mahy reports, for the literature which the Division issues on the subject of evangelism. With the cooperation of the Division, intensive evangelistic programs have, up to February 1st, been developed in 38 Presbyteries. A large number of conferences for prayer and for the study of the state of the Church and to make definite plans for meeting the evangelistic situation, have been held in all parts of the country. Each of these conferences remained in session for two or three days, and in these meetings pastors and laymen together prayerfully faced their responsibilities.

Throughout the entire country the program of Visitation Evangelism is being developed with most gratifying results; in most centers the effort being a united endeavor on the part of all Protestant denominations. Pittsburgh and other large centers have had such united campaigns and many of our churches have already had large accessions to their memberships as a result of these quiet, unostentatious campaigns in which the personal effort of individual church members is the fundamental factor.

Reports which are equally satisfactory come to us with reference to the evangelistic activities this year under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education. To a degree which has not been evident in recent years, a goodly number of students in many of our institutions are thoughtful with reference to spiritual matters and many are showing real concern for the spiritual welfare of their fellow-students.

It is clearly evident, as Dr. James H. Speer has well said, that a most potent factor in the awakening of evangelistic interest among our churches in recent months has been the number "1932" which as we all know, represents the number of Presbyterian churches with pastors or stated supplies, which last year did not receive a single accession on confession of faith. The broadcasting of these figures throughout the Church Dr. Speer describes "as the greatest evangelist of the year."

These significant figures, worked out for our Church by Mr. Patterson, arrested the attention of both the Methodist Episcopal and Baptist bodies and a similar study for these Communions was made by the Council's department. These studies revealed equally startling and unsatisfactory conditions in these two denominations and have caused their leaders, with ours, to pause for self-examination and to unite in prayer and thought on this important subject.

At the request of the Chairman of your Committee on Special Evangelistic Emphasis, Dr. Herman C. Weber has made a very careful study of evangelism in our Church, as revealed in our records for the 1926-1927 Church year. His valuable report, based on this study, is being mailed to each member of the General Council. We submit, therefore, at this time only a brief summary of this report as follows:

For the year ending March 31, 1927, the 1,885,727 communicant members in our Church brought into our membership on confession of faith, only 86,908 new members. This shows that out of every 100 members reported 4.6 were new or, if we reverse the computation, it took approximately 22 members a whole year to account for the winning of one new member on confession. This 4.6 index is the lowest, with one exception, since 1881; the exceptional year being the war year of 1918-1919.

The index for the first quarter of the present century was 5.7, which is approximately the index for the Church year ending March 31, 1926. The drop in one year from 5.7 to 4.6 needs the closest attention.

The report reveals the fact that, with a few notable exceptions, churches which have the larger memberships provide less encouraging reports as to accession on confession than does the group having smaller memberships. The index for the 967 churches which have memberships in excess of 500 is exactly 4. The ratio for the churches with memberships under 500 is exactly 5. A further analysis shows that the smaller churches - those with memberships under 150, have the best index of any group, namely, 5.45.

Another significant fact brought out in Dr. Weber's report is that, (with a few notable exceptions again) the churches which give most generously to the budgets of the Boards show a low record in evangelism. In this connection, the following questions may very properly be asked.

1. Do the people in some of our wealthier churches ease their consciences regarding their inactivity in evangelism by giving more money?
2. Do well to do people in our churches who are able to give largely withdraw themselves from active functioning in evangelistic work and influence their pastors to a like attitude?
3. Does the cultural atmosphere in some of the churches subtly work against earnest effort to win new members on confession?
4. Is there needed an adaptation or a modification of our accepted evangelistic methods to meet the situation in some of the wealthy churches where there is supposed, at least, to be a high degree of culture?

Dr. Weber adds, however, that a careful study of the remarkable evangelistic records made by certain pastors and congregations where the benevolence budgets are generously supported gives reason to believe that if the conscience and understanding of pastors and sessions, throughout the denomination, is awakened on a broad scale and that if the visitation plan of evangelism is pressed and that if programs and goals are set up so that responsibilities may be clearly visualized our churches, small and large, wealthy and otherwise, will record, in the year immediately before us, soul winning marks which will surpass all except the very highest of the last century. The Committee on Special Evangelistic Emphasis, through its Chairman or through any one of its members, would appreciate suggestions from members of the Council as to further steps which the Committee might take to more fully realize between this and the meeting of the 1928 General Assembly, the purpose of the last Assembly in providing for the appointment of this Special Committee.

After the presentation of this report, the Council was addressed by Dr. Covert, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Marquis, and Dr. MacIvor. The Council accepted the report with appreciation, and on motion of Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Shipp, voted to discontinue the Committee on Special Evangelistic Emphasis at the end of the Church year, and lay the responsibility for this work on the official agencies of the Church normally in charge thereof.

The Council excused Mr. Cosby at 5 P.M. and Dr. Taylor at 5.15 P.M.

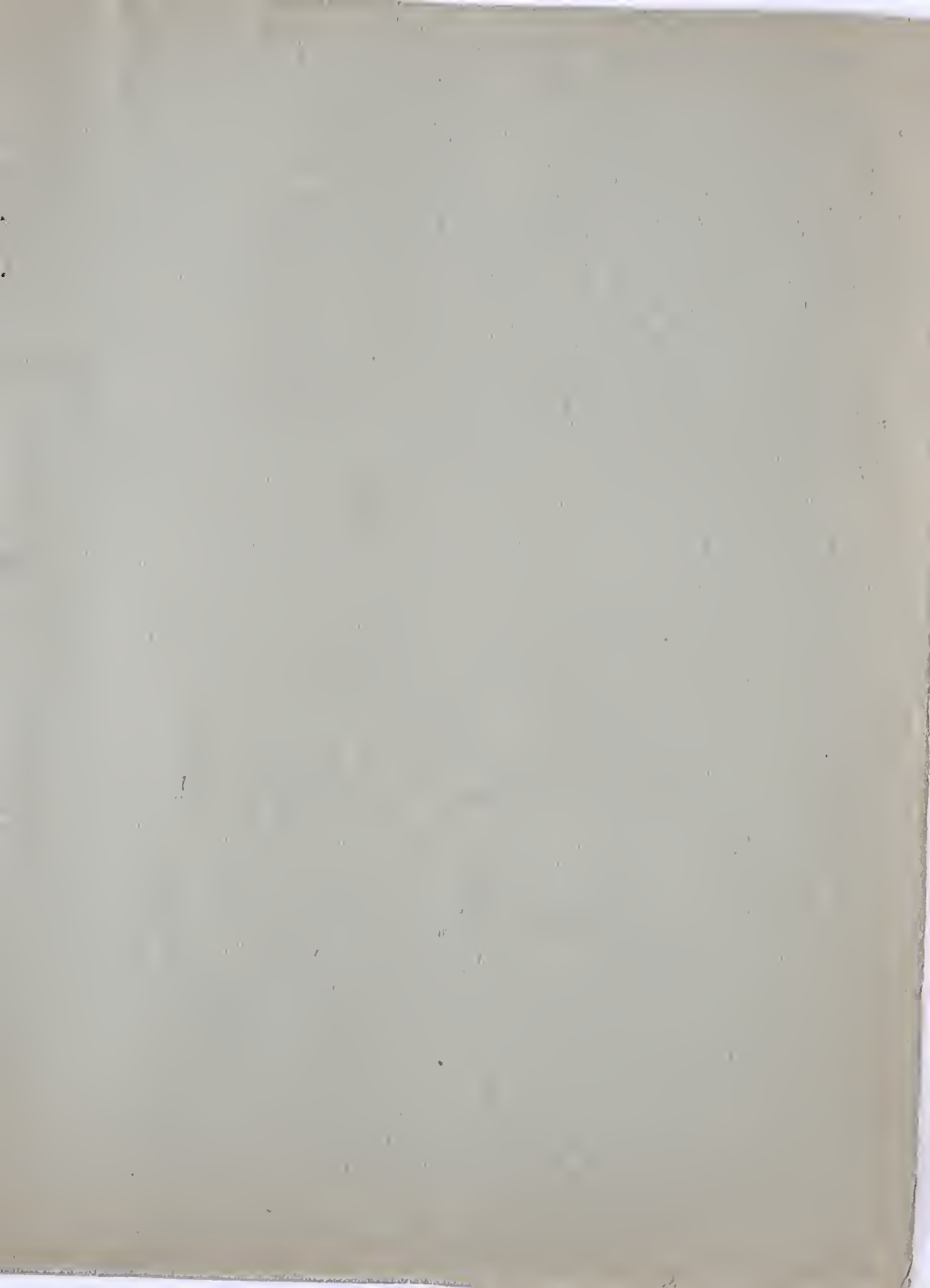
On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Stone, it was voted that a carefully prepared letter be addressed to each Church containing a record of the present status of the finances of the Boards, with emphasis on the fact that the General Council does not want to meet deficits; and with an urge to increase the gifts of each Church to the Boards, together with prompt remittance of these gifts. That this letter be signed by the General Council, through Mr. J. Willison Smith, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. Also that a letter be sent to the responsible officer in each Presbytery and Synod, with an urgent request that these judicatories assist in the carrying out of this program.

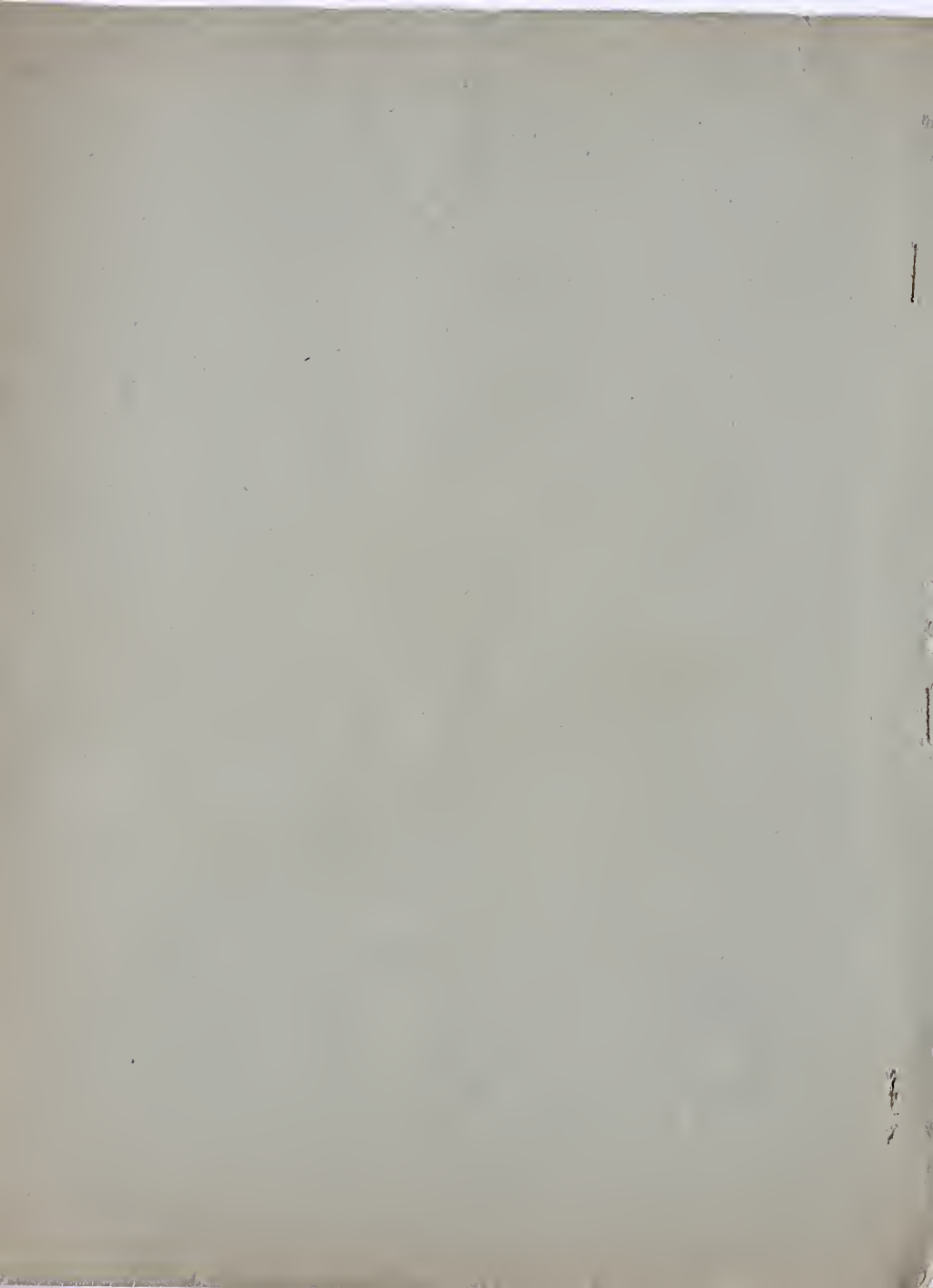
The Moderator made a full statement to the Council regarding present conditions throughout the Church, presenting twenty items that might be entered on the credit side of a present-day balance sheet of the Church's life and work, and twenty items on the debit side, and suggesting that the Council should study how the central leadership, which it is charged to provide, should be spiritual and educational and not restrictional or merely administrative. He proposed also that it "might be wise to discontinue the Special Committee appointed for the year under instructions from the last General Assembly on the subject of evangelism, but to represent to the Assembly the desirability of keeping the spiritual, devotional and evangelistic ideals foremost and dominant in all the thought and life of the Church with continued emphasis on individual and household evangelism and piety and worship, and with fresh recognition of the fundamental obligation of the pastor as the leader in the evangelistic and benevolence work of the Church."

The General Council then adjourned at 6.15 P.M. to meet at the Hotel Mayo, Tulsa, Okla., with committee meetings on Tuesday, May 22, 1928, and the Council meeting at 10 A.M., May 23, 1928.

The closing prayers were offered by Dr. Erdman and Dr. Stone.

Lewis Seymour Mudge  
Secretary





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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 23, 1928.

The General Council of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, pursuant to the order of adjournment, at 10 A.M., May 23, 1928, in the Hotel Mayo, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, who opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary announced the election to membership in the General Council of Rev. William P. Schell, D.D., vice Rev. Francis Shunk Downs, D.D., resigned, as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The excuses of absence of the Corresponding Members Mrs. Fred S. Bennett and Miss Margaret E. Hodge, were presented and accepted and Miss Gertrude Schultz and Miss Anne Elizabeth Taylor were presented and accepted as Corresponding Members pro tempore at the request of Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hodge respectively.

The roll was then called, and there were found to be present:

- Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. Frank E. Sibley, Financial Secretary
- Ministers: Drs. John W. MacIvor, Mark A. Matthews, John Timothy Stone,  
William R. Taylor, Samuel T. Wilson, Henry C. Swearingen,  
Charles R. Erdman.
- Ruling Elders: Messrs. William M. Cosby, John M. T. Finney, M.D.,  
Fred B. Shipp, J. Willison Smith, Albert A. Reed,  
George G. Barber.
- Board Representatives: Drs. John A. Marquis, William P. Schell,  
William C. Covert, Henry B. Master.
- Corresponding Members: Miss Gertrude Schultz, Miss Anne E. Taylor.

The Secretary presented the excuses of Mr. J. J. Ross, Mr. S. Frank Shattuck and Mr. George Nicholson, which were duly sustained.

The Secretary presented the excuse of Dr. William O. Thompson from the morning session of the Council, which was also sustained.

On motion of Dr. Marquis, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Minutes of the February meeting as mailed to the members, were made the official minutes of the General Council.

On motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the distribution of papers by the Secretary was approved.

The Secretary reported with reference to invitations of the General Assembly extended to certain former Moderators to attend the 1928 General Assembly:

1. That Dr. and Mrs. Patton would not be able to attend, and that a letter has been received from Dr. Patton for presentation to the General Assembly.

2. A cable reply has been prepared by the Chairman and Secretary of the Council and would be presented to the General Assembly for its approval.

3. That Dr. Henry van Dyke, and Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe were already in Tulsa.

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. William Henry Roberts acknowledging most gratefully an annual pension of \$1,200.00 for the rest of her natural life.

The Secretary reported that he had received no further communication from Dr. D. T. Robertson to whom he had been directed to write at the February meeting.

The Special Committee appointed to study the work of Administration, Publicity and Promotion of the Boards, reported through Mr. J. Willison Smith, Chairman, that the Committee desired to be continued and would make a report at the fall meeting of the Council.

The Administrative Committee presented its report through the Secretary which was adopted seriatum, as follows:

1. We recommend that the fall meeting of the General Council be called to meet in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, November 21, 1928, with Committee meetings on Tuesday, November 20, 1928.

2. It will be recalled that at the meeting of the General Council in December, 1927, a paper on the Status of Women in the Church as a Cause of Unrest, was presented by Mrs. Fred S. Bennett and Miss Margaret E. Hodge. At the meeting of the General Council in February, 1928, the problems suggested by this paper received further consideration. As a result, the following motion was passed: "That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, in consultation with representative women, select a group of 15 representative women who shall be invited to a conference with the General Council at its meeting next fall and report their names at the next meeting of the Council." The Moderator and the Stated Clerk recommend to the General Council with the approval of the Administrative Committee, that invitations be extended to the following women to meet in conference with the General Council at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on November 22, 1928:

Miss Helen C. Miller, 36 W. 55th St. New York City.

(Member of the Board of Foreign Missions.)

Mrs. Frederick Paist, Wayne, Pa.

(Member of the Board of National Missions.)

Mrs. Lincoln M. Coy, 5616 Blackstone Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(Member of the Board of Christian Education.)

Miss Blanche Wachob, Pasadena, Calif.  
 (Member of the Board of Christian Education.)  
 Mrs. Charles Amory Blinn, Glendale, Ohio.  
 Mrs. O. R. Sellers, 846 Chalmers Place, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Florence G. Tyler, 419 Fourth Ave., New York City.  
 Mrs. Robert E. Speer, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.  
 Mrs. David M. Thomas, 327 S. Vendome St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Mrs. George F. Sevier, 2204 High St., Denver, Colo.  
 Mrs. I. W. Carey, Y.W.C.A., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Miss Margaret Logan Clark, 1212 E. 59th St., Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. W. L. Darby, 123 Ontario Apts., Washington, D.C.  
 Mrs. Samuel Semple, Titusville, Pa.  
 Mrs. William Hunter, 410 Maple Ave., Danville, Ky.  
 Miss Laura Parker, 130 Claremont Ave., New York City.  
 Mrs. Charles K. Roys, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City  
 (Member of the Board of Foreign Missions.)  
 Mrs. H. Morrison Perkins, Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa.  
 Miss Mary Peacock, Torresdale, Phila., Pa.  
 Miss Lucy Slade, New York City.

The Administrative Committee would further recommend in this connection, that a Committee consisting of Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman, Mrs. Fred P. Bennett, Miss Margaret E. Hodge and the Secretary of the General Council, be appointed: (1) to make such additions to the list, if necessary, as will secure the attendance at Chicago, of approximately fifteen women; (2) to prepare a list of subjects for the Conference and secure in advance such leadership for the discussion as will make them most profitable.

3. At the February meeting of the General Council the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Stated Clerks of the five Welsh Synods with reference to the desirability of a conference at a mutually agreeable date in the Fall, each Synod being requested to send to the conference the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, the Chairman of its Program and Field Activities Committee and one additional member.

The Administrative Committee reports that the Secretary has ascertained that a suitable time and place for this meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 1928, at the Welsh Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Council appoint through its present Chairman a Committee of Seven to represent the General Council at this conference. The Committee appointed is as follows: The new Moderator, Chairman; Drs. Swearingen, Marquis, Stone, Thompson, Messrs. Smith and Reed, and the Secretary, ex officio.

4. The Administrative Committee reports the reception through the Secretary of the Council of a communication from Dr. Henry B. Mester, Secretary of the Board of Pensions, with reference to the desirability of having a survey made, by an expert, to ascertain what our Church is doing in connection with Orphanages, Hospitals, Homes for Old People. Your Committee would recommend that the Board of Pensions continue its investigation along this line for the present to that extent which is possible without the expenditure of specially appropriated funds, and report thereon at the fall meeting of the Council, and that the question of the special budget item for an expert survey be given consideration by the Board of Pensions when formulating its budget for presentation at the fall meeting of the Council.

5. Your Committee would recommend that Section A.3, Blue Book, 1928, p.106, be amended to read: "That such retirement shall be optional at the age of 65, but compulsory in every case at the age of 70, this latter to be effective July 1, 1929."

6. The Secretary of the General Council brought to the attention of the Administrative Committee the request of the Board of Christian Education that measures should be taken through the amendment, after due procedure, of the Form of Government, or by other effective measures, to safeguard the choice by sessions of Directors of Religious Education whether ordained or unordained persons. The Administrative Committee recommends that this matter be given careful study and be placed upon the docket of the November meeting. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the proposed tentative amendment to the members of the Council.

7. The Chairman of the General Council brought to the attention of the Administrative Committee a letter with reference to the National Church and the imperative need, if the campaign to secure funds for its erection is to be successful, of whole hearted support on the part of the General Assembly and the General Council. The Administrative Committee would recommend that in connection with the presentation to the General Assembly through the General Council of the report of the National Capital Commission, some member of the General Council be designated to urge upon the General Assembly the importance of the project.

8. Your Committee would suggest the desirability of recognizing in some suitable way in 1930, the Nineteen Hundredth Anniversary of Easter Day or Pentecost, or both, and that this subject be placed upon the Docket of the November meeting.

9. Your Committee would recommend that the request of Mr. George D. Dayton to be present when "The Presbyterian Foundation" is considered by the General Council in connection with the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee, be granted, and that the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee be authorized to notify Mr. Dayton as to the time and place.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Shipp, the report of the Administrative Committee was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Program and Field Activities Committee was presented through its Chairman, as follows:

1. That the second Sunday in March, 1929, be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday.

2. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to transfer the Synod of New Mexico from the Southern to the Pacific District.

3. That the Rev. Emerson O. Hauser, now pastor of the Lake View Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., be elected an assistant director of the Stewardship Department of the General Council, and that his salary be \$4,500.00 a year.

4. That the report of the Operating Committee on the Coordination of Special Days and benevolence giving through the Sunday schools be recommitted for additional study in conference with the Cooperative Council of the Young People's Departments of the Boards.

5. Owing to the fact that Easter 1929 falls on March 31, we recommend that the final date for mailing benevolence offerings for receipt in the receipts of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1929, be mid-night of April 1, 1929.

6. The General Council's Committee on Presbyterian Publications and Printed Matter reported that it had held an initial meeting, outlined and assigned its work. It is recommended that the Chairman and Secretary of the Council's Committee on Program and Field Activities be authorized to appoint a woman as an additional member of the Committee.

7. That in view of the fact that the budget of the General Council for the current year has already been adopted and is now in operation, no action be taken on the request of the Board of Foreign Missions for a reduction of its assessment, and that the whole matter of the assessment of the Boards, together with the entire promotional expense of the Church be referred to the Operating Committee and to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

8. That the Rev. W. R. Harshaw, D.D., of the Minneapolis Office of Central District, now serving as joint secretary of the General Council and National Board, be taken over for full time service for the General Council, with the understanding that he will have executive oversight of the administrative work of the Board of National Missions in Minnesota. The National Board to pay the salary of the Office Secretary and one half the office rent and current expenses, provided all of which is agreeable to the Board of National Missions.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Shipp, the above portion of the report was adopted.

The Chairman of the Program and Field Activities Committee, Dr. Swearingen, also presented in detail "A Suggested Plan for Unified Promotion" which was considered at length. Action thereupon was postponed pending the reception of the Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance, which report had in part relationship to said "Suggested Plan". For the action taken by the General Council on said "Suggested Plan", see Minutes of the General Council p.

The Budget and Finance Committee presented its report through its Chairman, Mr. J. Willison Smith, which was adopted seriatim as follows:

1. Your Committee reports that pending action by the Special Committee considering the "Capital Purposes" paper presented at the meeting of February 22, 1928, they have nothing at present to report on the subject of Budget Ratios. This Committee understands that this subject is still being considered jointly with the Program and Field Activities Committee, but yet that Committee does not include the subject in their docket.



2. Your Committee will report on the "Suggestions for a Presbyterian Foundation" at a later session of the General Council.

3. Your Committee reports favorably the under mentioned resolution passed by the Investment Committee of the Board of National Missions on March 1, 1928, and referred to the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council:

"Whereas the General Council of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has instructed the Board of National Missions to constitute an invested fund to represent the present depreciation reserve balance amounting to \$187,618.57;

"And Whereas, the Board of National Missions has temporarily borrowed this amount \$187,618.57 for current operations instead of going to the bank to borrow with interest;

"Be it Resolved, that the Investment Committee request the General Council to give consideration to this fact and permit the Board of National Missions to postpone the actual allocation of funds until the pledges for the debt now in hand are collected, which will be not later than March 31, 1930."

4. Your Committee will report later on the claim of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of a moral right to free rent in the Witherspoon Building.

5. Your Committee lays before you a preliminary study of overhead in the Boards for the year ending March 31, 1928. A more complete analysis and study will be made later covering the year just mentioned

Your Committee suggests that the Preliminary Report just presented together with the overhead studies previously presented, for the years ending in March 1926 and 1927, be now considered jointly by the Council. We desire to emphasize the value of the information contained in these three reports and we think there should be further study of the important facts brought out therein. Further, we believe that the overhead in the Boards is still too high and we recommend that the Boards and the Staff of the General Council reduce the total overhead for the current year by at least the sum of \$100,000.00 and that after the current year the Boards be urged progressively to reduce further their overhead costs from year to year.

6. The Secretary of Finance, acting on instructions of this Committee and under the instructions of the General Assembly (G.A.Mins. 1926, Part I, p.43) will, starting with this current fiscal year, carry a record of all permanent funds and investments of the Boards, and income derived therefrom.

Your Committee requests that this action be approved and that the Boards be instructed to supply information necessary to keep up this record. Your Committee expresses the hope that the Finance Committee of each Board is studying the present unusual financial situation at frequent enough intervals so that they may take all possible advantages and precaution to guard adequately the possibilities of realizing benefits of appreciation in prices as well as against sustaining unnecessary losses.

7. Your Committee presents the following resolution with the recommendation that it be approved:

Whereas the Secretary of Finance with the approval of the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council, has instructed the four Boards to report among their receipts available for the work, the gross amounts of all legacies received by them which have not been restricted by donors to permanent funds; and also, to show as a separate item just following their statement of expenditures in the work, any amount which they have set aside to permanent funds, therefore be it

Resolved, that this action by the Secretary of Finance and the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council be, and hereby is, approved.

8. Your Committee will report later regarding the quarterly report of the accountants showing the condition of the accounts of the Real Estate-Land Title and Trust Company, Treasurer of the General Assembly.

9. Whereas it has come to the notice of the Budget and Finance Committee that some of our churches in the year just closed have paid pension premiums from benevolence funds, and

Whereas this practice seems to the Committee unwise, irregular and highly prejudicial, to be discouraged and promptly discontinued, therefore be it

Resolved, that the General Council, believing that such expenditures should be treated as ordinary operating costs, urges all churches and church officers to provide funds required to cover pension premiums from the general treasury of the church without impairment of benevolence funds.

Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution with an appropriate transmitting letter, be mailed to all Presbyterian Churches with request that this action be brought to the attention of elders and trustees.

10. Your Committee finds that there has arisen some confusion over the meaning of the word "printing" in the name of two accounts in the Authorized Classification of Expenditures, viz:

Promotion - Account 6-E Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies  
Administration - Account 15-E Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies.

It is suggested that the name of these accounts be changed as follows:

Promotion - Account 6-E Stationery, Printed Forms and Office Supplies.

Administration - 15-E Stationery, Printed Forms and Office Supplies.

11. Your Committee desires to call especial attention of the Council to the information which was sent to all members attached to Secretary of Finance Exhibits of Operation - Receipts and Expenditures, for the month of March 1928, and requests that this information be made a report of the Committee to the Council with special emphasis on the figures of reported and actual deficits in Section IV, page 5.

The report, on motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Marquis, was adopted as a whole.

The Council then adjourned to meet at 8 P.M., the closing prayer being offered by Dr. Taylor.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 23, 1928.

The General Council met in accordance with its order of adjournment, at 8 P.M., May 23, 1928. The Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, presided.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. MacIvor.

The roll was called and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman.  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Mr. Frank E. Sibley, Financial Secretary

Ministers: Drs. John W. MacIvor, Samuel T. Wilson, John Timothy Stone, Mark A. Matthews, William R. Taylor, William O. Thompson, Charles R. Erdman.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. Albert A. Reed, Fred B. Shipp, William M. Cosby, George G. Barber, John M. T. Finney, M.D., J. Willison Smith.

Board Representatives: Drs. John A. Marquis, William P. Schell, William C. Covert, Henry B. Master.

Corresponding Members: Miss Gertrude Schultz, Miss Anne E. Taylor.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

After an explanation offered by Dr. Master and supported by Dr. Mudge, on motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Matthews, the Council ordered that the pension voted Mrs. William H. Roberts be dated from April 1, 1927.

The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. J. Willison Smith, reported an extended meeting of said Committee during which the "Presbyterian Foundation" was discussed, Mr. George D. Dayton being present. The Budget and Finance Committee will be prepared to report results at a later session of the Council.

Dr. Schell brought to the attention of the Council the importance of an early report upon Item 15, of the Budget and Finance Committee's report at the February meeting. (See G.C.Mins., p.8, bottom.) This item reads as follows:

"Should any Board end a year with a surplus derived from its basic Benevolence Budget contributions it may apply such surplus to any one or more "Capital Purposes" already authorized, as the Board may decide upon.

"It was voted that the Chairman appoint a Special Committee to consider this matter, with power to invite assistance or information from any other persons desirable. In this connection the Chairman has appointed Dr. Swearingen, Dr. Stone, Mr. Smith, Dr. Marquis, Dr. Covert, Dr. Schell."

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, upon invitation of the Budget and Finance Committee, appeared as Chairman of a Committee of Five representing the Boards of National and Foreign Missions and presented memoranda on the subject of the recurring deficits of these Boards. This memoranda included:

- I. A brief Historical Statement.
- II. A statistical presentation of the Deficit Situation of the Boards.
- III. The Background of our present Benevolence Situation.
- IV. The Suggestion of a Way Out.

On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Stone "The Suggestion of a Way Out" was referred to the Committee on Program and Field Activities, which Committee was directed to confer at the earliest possible hour, with the General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Dr. William C. Covert, and the Secretary of the Men's Work Department of said Board, Dr. William F. Weir, and Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, and the members of his Committee present at the Assembly, namely, Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, Mr. Roy M. Hart, Mrs. Henry vonK. Gilmore, and to report to the General Council, on Friday, May 25th, at 5 P.M.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the General Council expressed its deep appreciation of the memoranda presented by said joint Committee of the Boards of National and Foreign Missions through Dr. Foulkes, its Chairman. In addition to the Chairman, Dr. Foulkes, the following members of the Committee were present: Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, Mrs. Henry vonK. Gilmore, and Mr. Roy M. Hart.

The Chairman of the General Council, Dr. Robert E. Speer, made announcement as to the portions of the report of the Council to the General Assembly to be presented by others than himself:

1. It was unanimously agreed that in case the presentation of the report of the Special Committee of the General Council on Judicial Procedure called forth discussion, that the Chairman, Dr. Matthews, should feel at liberty to call to his support if he deem it advisable, Dr. Swearingen and Dr. Erdman, members of the Committee.
2. The questions referred to the Board of Pensions as a Special Committee (see Blue Book, pp.105, 106) it was agreed should be presented by Mr. J. Willison Smith, with Dr. Henry B. Master available to answer detailed questions as needed.
3. Reference II from the 1927 General Assembly (see Blue Book, p. 90) was committed to Dr. Swearingen for presentation.

The Committee on Evangelistic Emphasis through its Chairman, Mr. Fred B. Shipp, reported that it had nothing to add to the statement incorporated in the report to the General Assembly found in the Blue Book.

In response to inquiries the Stated Clerk of the Assembly made a verbal and tentative report concerning the probable number of accessions on Confession of Faith for the year ending March 31, 1928, and the probable net gain in membership for the same period.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Master, the Council adjourned to meet on Friday, May 25th, at 5 P.M. in Room 415, Hotel Mayo, Tulsa, Okla.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Wilson.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 25, 1928.

The General Council met in accordance with the order of adjournment at 5 P.M., May 25, 1928. The Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, presided.

The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Cosby.

The roll was called and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. F. E. Sibley, Financial Secretary

Ministers: Drs. Matthews, MaeIvor, Taylor, Swearingen, Wilson, Erdman, Thompson.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. Shipp, Finney, Smith, Barber, Cosby, Reed.

Board Representatives: Drs. Marquis, Schell.

Corresponding Members: Miss Schultz, Miss Taylor.

The Minutes of the evening session of Wednesday, May 23, 1928, were read and approved.

The Chairman reported upon the progress made in the presentation of the report of the General Council to the General Assembly. It was arranged that Dr. Swearingen should present as much as possible of the Program and Field Activities section on Monday, May 28, at 9.20 A.M.

The Chairman announced that Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures had requested a conference with the General Council or its representatives and the Bills and Overtures Committee with regard to the following Overtures:

Overture 8. On the Benevolence Quota Column in the Statistical Tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly - from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

"Whereas, it is proposed to include in the statistical reports printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly, the Benevolence "quotas" assigned to individual churches, and

"Whereas, widely divergent and totally irreconcilable views prevail regarding the meaning of the word "quota" (or "quotas"), and, Whereas, this proposed innovation is calculated to provoke bitterness and strife where peace and tranquility now prevail, Therefore the Presbytery of Grand Rapids humbly overtures the General Assembly to take such action as will preclude this proposed innovation, and thus maintain the peace and unity of the Church."

Overture 11. On the Benevolence Quota Column in the Statistical Tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly - from the Synod of Michigan.

"That the Synod of Michigan regards with unqualified disfavor the proposal to include in the statistical reports printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly, "quotas" assigned by Presbyteries to individual churches as suggested goals for their benevolence contributions.

The Synod trusts that it will not be necessary to overture the General Assembly to secure further consideration of this innovation of such questionable wisdom, before it is put into operation.

It is directed that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Moderator of the General Council and to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly."

On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Committee to meet with the Committee on Bills and Overtures, said Committee to express to the Bills and Overtures Committee the desire of the Council that said Committee should join with the General Council in a request to the General Assembly asking that these Overtures be referred to the General Council for consideration and report. The Chairman named Dr. Swearingen, Chairman of the Program and Field Activities Committee, Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. James H. Speer, and the Secretary of the Council, ex officio, as such a Committee.

These Overtures were later reported to the General Assembly by the Committee on Bills and Overtures with the recommendation that no action be taken thereupon, in view of the fact that the publication of a quota column was in an experimental stage.

Dr. Swearingen submitted the following report which was ordered received and spread upon the Minutes:

The Committee on Program and Field Activities begs to report that following the instructions of the General Council it has held a conference with the Committee representing the Boards of National and Foreign Missions respectively, and with the General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and with the head of the Department of Men's Work of the Board of Christian Education, relative to a series of proposed conventions to be held for the purpose of stimulating interest in our missionary and benevolence causes.

After full discussion of the subject it was voted that it is the sense of this conference that a series of such conventions as have been proposed be held and that a Committee consisting of Mr. Shipp, Chairman, Drs. Foulkes, Weir and James H. Speer, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Gilmore, be appointed with instructions to outline a plan for such conventions and to submit the same to the General Council at its meeting this evening or at some subsequent meeting of the Council during the sessions of the present General Assembly.

Mr. J. Willison Smith presented the following paper for the consideration of the Council representing his own views and those of Mr. Sibley. The paper was received and on motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Erdman, ordered spread on the Minutes, as follows:

The Budget and Finance Committee has watched and is still watching with great interest, the situation relative to the problems of promotion in the Boards and by the Staff of the General Council. The Committee thinks that only through a successful solution of this promotional problem, can a satisfactory reduction of overhead costs be effected; and we feel it is not an impropriety at this time to lay before the General Council a brief resume of a promotional plan which we believe will do much towards relieving the present situation. It is taken for granted in stating this plan, that the Council understands that a reasonable amount of cooperation and interest must be invested by those participating in any plan to gain for the plan, in operation, a measurable success.

We are stating our plan in summary for it is a simple plan in its construction. More elaborate details will be provided if in the opinion of the Council they are desired.

1. We think it is a mistake for the Council to do, under its own name and with a staff employed under its own banner, work which the Boards or other agencies of the Church can do. We think it is a poor substitute, and never a solution, for a principal to do the work which its agents are employed or designed to do. If the agents are for some reason incapable of properly and satisfactorily doing the work, the reason or reasons for such incapacity should be exposed and corrected.
2. We think that all promotional work for the Boards should be done by, or under the nominal control of, the Boards.
3. We think the General Council is a supervising principal, and is the ultimate deciding factor in the event of incapacity or unfairness displayed by any Board or agency.
4. We think that properly to keep the Program and Field Activities Committee informed of what is really going on, a paid secretary should be employed who will serve it in much the same way as the Secretary of Finance serves the Committee on Budget and Finance.
5. We realize that there is much promotional work common to all of the Boards, and this common work, we think, should be conducted by a common and united promotional staff, this staff to be controlled by the Boards through a joint committee. The Secretary attached to the Program and Field Activities Committee should have the unquestioned right to sit in at all committee meetings as an observer so that he can properly inform the General Council of the progress of events.
6. This Common Promotional Staff should conduct such activities as the Every Member Canvass and should control all district and other synodical or regional offices throughout the country.
7. Each Board should maintain its own promotional staff at headquarters, or attached to headquarters, for the purpose of what might be called informative service. This staff should be kept at the

minimum consistent with effectiveness. Obviously, this minimum will be found only after some experimentation.

8. We think that too much competition by the Boards throughout the Church is injurious to the causes represented by the Boards, and should be avoided.

9. We think that this can most nearly be done by assigning each Board to a definitely outlined region during certain named months.

10. The Relief Department of the Board of Pensions will progressively become of less and less importance in the purely benevolence activities of the Church. This leaves the other three Boards to be used in illustrating our plan for regional operation.

11. We would divide the year into the following periods:

June 1 to Sept.30 - for preparation by the Boards for campaigns to be conducted later.

October and November - first period of campaign.

December - not good month for promotional work - left open for use to be later designated.

January and February - second period of campaign.

March and April - third period of campaign.

May - for a summing up, leading to reports to the General Assembly.

12. The country should be divided into three sections, the exact delimitations to be set later:

1st Section - Eastern

2nd Section - Central

3rd Section - Western

13. On October 1st each Board should have prepared its year's campaign and will go into action; each for a period of two months in a different section. For illustration: in the first period of October and November, say, that the Boards are placed, Foreign in the Eastern section, National in the Central, Christian Education in the Western.

In the second period (January and February) Foreign goes to Central; National to Western; and Christian Education to the Eastern. In the third period another and similar shift is made.

14. While a Board is operating in a given section all employees of the Common Promotional Staff in that section will assist primarily the interests of the Board operating within that section. Any work which a Board might find it necessary to do in a section occupied at that time by another Board should be done only with the consent of the Common Operating Staff or the committee in control of that Staff.



15. By this means, a church in a certain section would know that only during certain months would a certain Board campaign actively for funds in that section, although the full benevolence program of the Church should never wholly be lost sight of in any section.

16. Each Board could concentrate its best efforts and its promotional personnel in a given section at a given time.

17. We think a new competition and a more desirable competition would spring up between the Boards in regard to planning better and more interesting campaigns each year. The word "campaign" is perhaps used in a sense less flampouyant than is generally given to that word.

Dr. Matthews presented the following plan which was seconded by Mr. Barber:

1. That a Committee be created, either by the Council or under the Council's supervision, of Board representatives.

2. That the Council have a budget of fifty or seventy-five or a hundred thousand dollars, with its secretary who shall sit in these councils in this Committee and coordinate the promotional work which is done by the Boards.

3. That we make way for the Boards to make contact with the constituency of the Church.

Upon Dr. Matthews' plan no action was taken at this session. A general discussion followed on various aspects of the promotional problems.

Dr. John A. Marquis, referring to the offer of the General Council made at the February meeting, to assist the National Board in completing its organization both at headquarters and on the field, requested that the Council name a Committee of Three which would render such assistance. (See G.C.Minutes p. for action taken.)

The Council then adjourned to meet at 8.30 this evening and was closed with prayer.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 25, 1928.

The General Council met in accordance with its order of adjournment at 8.30 P.M., May 25, 1928, in the Hotel Mayo, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, presided.

The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Shipp.

The roll was called and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. F. E. Sibley, Financial Secretary

Ministers: Drs. Swearingen, Erdman, Taylor, Stone, Wilson, Matthews, Macivor.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. Cosby, Reed, Smith, Barber, Reed, Finney, Shipp.

Board Representatives: Drs. Marquis, Schell, Covert.

Corresponding Members: Miss Taylor, Miss Schultz.

On motion of Dr. Robert E. Speer, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the following was offered as a substitute for Dr. Matthews' motion made at the afternoon session, and was adopted:

That the Operating Committee be directed to study the question of the possibility of reducing the number of Districts and the personnel in the General Council and Boards throughout the Church, and report to the General Council through the Program and Field Activities Committee not later than the February, 1929, meeting of the General Council.

On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the above recommendation was amended to read "not later than the November, 1928, meeting of the General Council."

The above was in its original form, Resolution 9 of the Report of the Committee on Program and Field Activities, as presented by its Chairman on Wednesday, May 23, 1928.

After further discussion by various members of the Council it was unanimously agreed that the suggested plan of the Program and Field Activities Committee with the exception of "D" be laid on the table, and that promotional work be continued as at present under the Operating Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shipp, seconded by Dr. Schell, the two suggestions before the Council, namely, Mr. Smith's paper and Dr. Matthews' motion, (see G.C.Minutes p.12 and 14) were referred to the Operating Committee and the Chairman was authorized to appoint three members of the Council to confer thereupon with said Committee and make a joint report to the November meeting of the Council. The Chairman later named Drs. Swearingen, Dr. Matthews and Mr. Smith.

Mr. J. Willison Smith made the following report for the Budget and Finance Committee:

1. That the quarterly report of the accountants showing the condition of the accounts of the Real-Estate-Land Title and Trust Co., Treasurer of the General Assembly, has been examined and the same found to be in order.
2. That regarding free space in the Witherspoon Building, the following is submitted:

At the meeting of the General Council in Philadelphia, February 22nd, 1928, the Budget and Finance Committee through its Chairman, Mr. J. Willison Smith, presented its report, inter alia, as follows:

"2. Your Committee received a delegation from the Presbytery of Philadelphia in connection with their claim of a moral right to free rent for the offices they maintain in the Witherspoon Building. The Chairman of the Committee has appointed a sub-committee composed of Mr. A. A. Reed, Chairman; Dr. John W. MacIvor and Mr. S. Frank Shattuck, to consider the question further, with the expectation that this sub-committee will report at the next meeting of the General Council." (G.C.Mins. Feb. 1928, p.4.)

The report was adopted, seriatim, and as a whole.

The sub-committee above mentioned (Reed, MacIvor and Shattuck) having considered the question referred to, presents its report as follows:

The salient facts connected with the subject matter appear in certain formal statements presented to the General Council in February 1928, copies of which are hereto attached marked Exhibits "A" and "B".

It appears that the grounds upon which the Presbytery of Philadelphia bases its claim for free space in the Witherspoon Building are, briefly stated, as follows:

1. The fact that a substantial part of the funds with which the original headquarters, No.1334, Chestnut Street, were purchased represented gifts in Philadelphia - approximately \$40,000.
2. The nature of the appeal that was made to the churches in Philadelphia following the reunion in 1870.
3. The Board's action in providing free space for local missionary interests in the past.

The loyalty and devotion of Philadelphia Presbyterians are too well known to require emphasis in this report. The Church has always confidently expected generous cooperation in all its enterprises and activities on the part of Philadelphia and this confidence has not been misplaced. In those early days when, under the leadership of John A. Brown, it was determined to purchase a Presbyterian House, it was natural and obvious that the churches of Philadelphia and influential and well-to-do Presbyterians in that city should be invited to participate in the financial undertaking and responsibility.

The response was timely and generous and property at No. 368 Chestnut Street (afterwards known as Nos.1334-1336 Chestnut Street) was purchased. The sub-committee believes that the motives which prompted such noteworthy support were unmixed with any element of local advantage and finds no evidence that any bargain, express or implied, was suggested, nor can we interpret the facts and circumstances as imposing any duty of a permanent nature, other than those sentiments of gratitude, appreciation and good-will, which should always be incident to relations of the sort under consideration.

In 1870-72 the building at Nos. 1334-1336 Chestnut Street was enlarged and improved at a cost - let us say - of \$150,000. A part of this amount came from the proceeds of the Old School building at No. 821 Chestnut Street (perhaps \$50,000.) Substantial gifts were made by Philadelphia people including \$25,000. from one individual -

presumably Mr. Brown. It is stated that special appeals were made to the churches of Philadelphia and to individuals in order that suitable headquarters might be provided for local Presbyterian interests in Philadelphia as well as for the Board of Publication. It is asserted that these appeals carried by implication a gentleman's agreement imposing upon our National body (or one of the Boards) a moral obligation of more or less certain character but of indefinite duration to provide the Presbytery of Philadelphia with free office space.

The sub-committee can well understand the desire of the Philadelphia Presbyterians to have a creditable and commodious building for the uses of the denomination, general and local. It is indeed fortunate for our church that in Philadelphia and in other Presbyterian centers of population large-hearted members of our faith are willing to give generously for such purposes in order that our work, international, national and local, may be supplied with suitable office quarters.

The sub-committee is unable, however, to interpret this desire for appropriate and adequate headquarters for Presbyterian interests supported, as it was in 1870-72, by most liberal financial gifts by Philadelphia people, as carrying with it by inference or implication an obligation, moral or otherwise, to provide free office space in perpetuity for any local organization, nor is the subcommittee sensible of any ethical duty of that sort resting upon any Board or organization of the Church.

The fact that the Presbytery has occupied offices in the Witherspoon Building for many years, rent free, is an important and significant fact which must be given due weight.

The sub-committee has no difficulty in understanding the position of the Trustees of the Presbytery. Customs long observed and uniformly accepted ripen into law and become rules of action. Privileges asserted under a claim of right, exercised openly and adversely, tenaciously enjoyed, without interruption, through many years, will at length be protected, should be protected. It is peculiarly unfortunate that the relations between the Presbytery and the Board were not carefully defined and recorded fifty years ago, yet the development of such relations through the years, seems rather obvious. In the earlier years the question did not seem important. The building was large and a considerable part unoccupied. No prejudice accrued from the use of free space by the Presbytery. No loss was suffered. No one cared to raise the question. It was a case of passive acquiescence. During a considerable part of the period under consideration the representative of the Presbytery was also a member of the staff of the Board of Publication and as such was assigned an office in the building, no separate or independent office space being used by the Presbytery. Until recently no rights were asserted and no claims were made. Of course, it was unbusiness-like but it was friendly and not very important.

The sub-committee is of the opinion that the use and occupation of space, rent free, under the attendant circumstances, did not and does not involve an obligation or duty to continue the arrangement in perpetuity.

The sub-committee therefore recommends that no further action be taken and that the Trustees of the Presbytery be advised that, in the judgment of the General Council, the Presbytery should yield its position and enter into friendly negotiations with the owners of the building for the use of space upon such terms as may be mutually acceptable.

EXHIBIT "A"

CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND ACTIONS CONCERNING THE FREE USE OF SPACE IN THE WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, BY THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA AND ITS COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION (TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY)

520 Witherspoon Bldg.  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
February 8, 1928.

Mr. J. Willison Smith,  
Chairman, Committee on Budget and Finance,  
General Council.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent by the instructions of your Committee to the President of the Trustees of Philadelphia Presbytery. You will also find herewith their reply to this communication. I understand that you desire these papers before the meeting of the General Council which takes place shortly. Should you desire any further information, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) Roland M. Eavenson.

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December 20, 1927.

Mr. J. Renwick Hogg, President,  
Trustees of Philadelphia Presbytery,  
1220 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hogg:

At a recent meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. the representatives of the Board of Christian Education were asked whether the Presbytery of Philadelphia was paying rent for the offices occupied by them and their Trustees in the Witherspoon Building, in accordance with the action of the General Council and General Assembly in 1923 and 1925.

You will recall that the report of the Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies, approved by the General Assembly of 1923, provided that current rates be charged for all space in the Witherspoon Building with certain specified exceptions, of which Philadelphia Presbytery was not one.

The Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia petitioned on March 17, 1925, the General Council of our Church for free use of space in the Witherspoon Building. The General Council reported to

the General Assembly unfavorably, and the General Assembly approved the report, not granting the petition and affirming the action of the Assembly of 1923.

In October, 1925, the Presbytery addressed the Board of Christian Education and also the Board of National Missions, requesting them to consider the matter of moral obligation in connection with the matter of free space. The Boards in question both replied to this petition, stating that they could see no reason for the claim.

On December 1, 1927, the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council directed the Committee in charge of the Witherspoon Building "to see that a formal statement be addressed to the responsible officers of the Trustees of Philadelphia Presbytery, calling their attention in detail to the actions taken by the General Council and the General Assembly with reference to their paying rent for the offices they occupy in the Witherspoon Building."

The Board of Christian Education was further directed to see that a copy of the formal reply of the officers of the Presbytery of Philadelphia is filed with the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council, prior to the February meeting of the Council.

May we have an early reply, so that we can communicate it to the General Council's Committee?

Yours very sincerely,  
(Signed) Roland M. Eavenson

Chairman of the Committee on the  
Publication Department, Board of  
Christian Education.

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January 27, 1928.

Mr. Roland M. Eavenson, Chairman of the  
Committee on the Publication Department,  
Board of Christian Education,  
520 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Eavenson:

Your communication of December 20, 1927, relative to free space in the Witherspoon Building, addressed to me as President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was considered by a sub-committee of the Trustees, consisting of Rev. Drs. J. Gray Bolton, Edward Yates Hill, Wm. P. Fulton, Elders James A. Hayes and myself, and we respectfully submit the following reply:

As set forth in our petitions and correspondence, we continue to adhere to the same convictions as heretofore, viz: that the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees are contending for a just and righteous principle of morals. We honestly and positively believe and maintain that there is a moral obligation resting upon the present owners of Witherspoon Building to continue to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees free office

space in said building and to carry out the spirit and purpose of the original donors who contributed toward the purchase of 1334 Chestnut Street, with the definite and specific understanding that ample accommodations would be provided, not only for the Board of Publication, but also "for all our other Presbyterian interests in this city." In response to the appeals that were made to the churches and individuals in our city, about \$57,451 were raised and applied to the purchase of the Presbyterian headquarters, 1334 Chestnut St.

As these contributions were made with a definite understanding and for a specific purpose, as above set forth, they must be regarded as a sacred trust by the present owners of Witherspoon Building, as they were by the former members of the Board of Publication - members who were acquainted with all the conditions and circumstances of the campaign to raise the necessary funds; said Board, in order that the purpose of the original contributors should be carried out, from the beginning, provided the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its missionary agencies comfortable quarters for the prosecution of their work.

In your communication, you refer to Assembly action of 1923, approving the report of the Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation. When that Committee met to adjust matters relating to the Witherspoon Building and to allocate free space to the Boards and Agencies that had enjoyed free space in the past, viz: the Board of Education, the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Historical Society, permit us to say the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees were not invited to appear before the Committee (possibly a mere oversight) although free space had been accorded them, for a period of more than thirty years, by the Board of Publication for the above mentioned reasons, and, before the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees were not given a hearing, they were not included in the list of agencies that were granted free space. Had the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees been given a hearing, we believe our claim would have been granted. This accounts for the Assembly action of 1923.

In your communication, you also refer to our petition to the General Council, March 17, 1925. Our petition was referred to a sub-committee of the Council. This sub-committee met in New York. It invited two representatives of the Board of National Missions to be present. No representatives of the Presbytery of Philadelphia or its Board of Trustees were invited. We had no knowledge of the meeting. We desired to be present. A sub-committee was waiting to be summoned. Was it quite fair or courteous to us to consider our petition in our absence, when there were two representatives present, representing one of the Boards interested? The report of the sub-committee to the General Council was unfavorable. We call attention, however, to a statement embodied in the sub-committee's report, viz: "Any moral obligation that may have been involved has been more than met by the nearly thirty years of free space that has been enjoyed."

This statement of the sub-committee virtually concedes the contention of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees, viz; that there is a moral obligation. That it has been more than met is an amazing assertion. If there were a moral obligation because of certain funds contributed for a specific purpose, that moral obligation still exists and cannot be swept away by a mere resolution.

Questions of morals can never be settled until they are settled right - right before God. Moral obligations cannot be brushed aside by resolutions. They are deep rooted and far-reaching. Committees may err. General Assemblies may make mistakes. They should always be considerate and fair and just.

In your communication, you also refer to our communication and petition of October 7, 1925, addressed to the Board of Christian Education and to the Board of National Missions, requesting them to consider the matter of moral obligation in connection with our claim for free space. On October 7, 1925, the Presbytery of Philadelphia sent communications and petitions to these two Boards (the owners of Witherspoon Building) setting forth our reasons for claiming free space, viz: (1) the moral obligation incurred in raising funds for the original headquarters, 1334 Chestnut St., the amount raised being \$57,451. (There are persons yet living who recall the conditions of this appeal.) (2) The recognition of this moral obligation by the former owners of the original headquarters, 1334 Chestnut St., and also by the former owners of Witherspoon Building, viz: the Trustees of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Now, what happened to these communications and petitions of Presbytery and its Board of Trustees, addressed to the present owners of Witherspoon Building, viz: The Board of Christian Education and the Board of National Missions? We answer -

(1) Fourteen months passed and there came this reply from the Board of Christian Education, December 7, 1926: "The Board directed that a communication be sent to Dr. Fulton, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, that the Board sees no reason for the claim of the Presbytery."

(2) Sixteen months passed and there came this reply from the Board of National Missions, January 26, 1927: "The action of our Executive Committee was to the effect that it is the judgment of the Board of National Missions that since this question has been, on the petition of the Presbytery, considered and acted upon by the General Council and by the General Assembly, the matter has passed out of the jurisdiction of this Board and that recourse of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, if it desires to re-open the question, is to the General Council."

It is our belief and judgment that, if this whole matter were given prayerful and careful consideration in all its bearings and aspects by a disinterested, impartial, unprejudiced committee, the petition of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees would be granted.

Believing as we do, that the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees were contending for moral principles and sacred rights and that these principles and rights should be conserved in loyalty and fidelity to the deceased donors, we steadfastly adhere to our convictions that there is a moral obligation resting upon the present owners of Witherspoon Building to continue to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees free office space in the Witherspoon Building, as was done by the Board of Publication for more than thirty years.



That this controversy may not be protracted at any greater length, we beg to submit to you a possible amicable solution and settlement of this whole matter:

(1) That the present owners of Witherspoon Building continue to allocate the same amount of free space to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Board of Trustees as was accorded them prior to our removal from Room 516, which we vacated in order to provide an additional room for the offices of the General Assembly.

(2) That, should we continue in our present quarters, we are willing to pay for the excess space over and above that accorded us in Room 516, Witherspoon Building, at the same rate that is charged the other Boards and Agencies for excess space.

Very respectfully,

Committee appointed by the  
Trustees of Presbytery with  
full power to act.

{ J. Gray Bolton  
{ J. Renwick Hogg  
{ Edw. Yates Hill  
{ Wm. P. Fulton  
{ James A. Hayes

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Action of the General Assembly.

The Chairman of the General Council, Dr. Macartney, presented a report on the petition from the Presbytery of Philadelphia concerning the right of the Presbytery and its Trustees to free office space in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia. The decision of the General Council that the request of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be not granted, was approved. (Mins. 1925, Part I, p.37.)

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Actions of the General Council.

By appointment, the representatives of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and of the Trustees of said Presbytery were heard concerning the right of the Presbytery and of its Trustees to free office space in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia. The representatives of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work were also heard in opposition. Rev. Wm. P. Fulton, D.D., Rev. Edw. Yates Hill, D.D., Rev. J. Gray Bolton, D.D., appeared for the Presbytery of Philadelphia and for its Trustees. Rev. John B. Laird, D.D., Mr. Roy M. Hart and Mr. Roland M. Eavenson appeared for the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Wishart, the Council referred the question at issue to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Barber and Harbison for investigation and report at the May meeting of the Council. (G.C.Mins, Mar.17, 1925, p.11.)

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The Special Committee appointed by the General Council consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Barber and Harbison, to investigate and report on the petition of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and of the Trustees of said Presbytery, concerning the right of the said Presbytery and its Trustees to free office space in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, met at the Princeton Club in New York, on Wednesday, May 6, 1925.

We had before us the original petition to the General Council as presented at Washington by Dr. William P. Fulton. We also had the memorandum concerning this petition prepared by Roy M. Hart, Esq., of Brooklyn, N.Y. In addition to these papers, Wm. E. Carnochan, Esq., of New York, and Roy M. Hart, Esq., of Brooklyn, appeared before us personally, so that we feel we had very complete information to guide us.

After giving the matter very careful consideration, we were unanimously of the opinion that the request of the Presbytery of Philadelphia should not be granted and the action of the General Assembly of 1923 be affirmed.

We do not consider that there is any legal question involved as to the title of the property, and that any moral obligation that may have been involved has been more than met by the nearly thirty years of free office space that has been enjoyed. It is interesting to know that for forty years preceding this period of free occupancy the Presbytery of Philadelphia were not granted preferential rights in the Presbyterian House.

The report was adopted. (G.C.Mins., May 27, 1925, p.2.)

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Original Petition to the General Council.

March 27, 1925.

To the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Dear Brethren:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension (Trustees of Presbytery) unite in respectfully petitioning the General Council of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. to take such action as may be necessary to continue to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension the free use of space in the Witherspoon Bldg., for the prosecution of its work.

These agencies have been granted free space in the past, since the Witherspoon Building was erected in 1898, and also prior to that date in the former Presbyterian Headquarters at 1334 Chestnut St. But, in 1923, when the Assembly's Committee on Reorganization and Consolidation of Boards and Agencies met to consider and adjust matters pertaining to the Witherspoon Building and to allocate free space to the Boards and Agencies that had been granted free space in the past, viz: The Board of Education, the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, the General Assembly, and the Presbyterian Historical Society (see G.A.Mins., 1923, p.179) the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension were not given

a hearing before said Committee to present their claims, although free space had been accorded them during a period of more than thirty years. And, because exceptions were not made of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension as were made of the aforesaid agencies, the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension are now asked to pay rent for the space occupied by them in the Witherspoon Building. (This applies, also, to the Presbyterian Committee on Summer Evangelistic and Daily Vacation Bible School Work, which Committee, for twenty-six years, has used these same rooms, without charge, during the summer season, for the conduct of its work.)

The matter of paying rent was first brought to our attention in June 1922 in a request to us from the Secretary of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, to vacate Room 516 Witherspoon Bldg., and to move to some other room so as to provide additional space for the offices of the General Assembly. We consented to vacate Room 516 for other quarters but did not consent to pay rent and raised the question of our rights to the continuance of free space in Witherspoon Building, as set forth, in brief, in the following communication:

June 30, 1922.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of June 27th in re free space in the Witherspoon Building. It has been my understanding those many years that the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Agencies for conducting mission work were entitled to free office space for the conduct of their work. I think I am correct in saying that many others in Philadelphia Presbytery share in this belief. While there may be no specific resolution for our claim, yet I am convinced there is a moral obligation resting on your Board to provide free rooms for the work of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

If you will review the early history and examine carefully the steps taken and the financial efforts made in 1870-72 to secure funds to purchase the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut St., you will find this statement - "In order . . . to provide ample accommodations for the Board's future business and for all our other Presbyterian interests in this city it is recommended that the sum of \$100,000 be raised among our churches and people for the erection and equipment of the said Presbyterian House." (History of Board, p.80.) About \$57,451 were received from subscriptions and other sources, including a donation of \$25,000 from the late John A. Brown. (Same, p.86.)

It appears therefore, that appeals were made to the churches and people of Philadelphia for \$100,000, not only to provide accommodations for the Board but for all our other Presbyterian interests in this city and that, as a result of these appeals \$57,451 were received and applied to the purchase of the said Presbyterian House. These amounts being "specifically designated" as above indicated, must be held "in trust" by your Board and the intention of the donors carried out. Because of this, your Board from the beginning, has carefully carried out the spirit of these original contributors and the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Missionary Agencies have had comfortable rooms for the prosecution of their work. We are confident your Board will continue to provide for us in the future."

Some further correspondence followed during the summer, particularly relating to rooms available for our use and the assignment to us of rooms 720-721 on the seventh floor. The summer passed, and in September, a conference was had by the Ways and Means Committee of the Trustees of Presbytery with the Secretary of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. The whole matter of our rights to free space in the Witherspoon Building was presented and urged but no action was taken except that our consenting to vacate room 516 and moving to rooms 720-721 should be without prejudice.

Nothing further was brought to our attention about paying rent until July 16, 1924. We then made request for a hearing before a Committee, Board or Agency that has jurisdiction in this matter and we were referred to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, who represent the joint owners of Witherspoon Building, as the proper body to hear our case.

Accordingly, on July 15, 1924, we sent a communication to the Secretary of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board, requesting a hearing. The receipt of this communication was acknowledged July 23, and on October 4th, we were notified that a Committee of Three had been appointed by said Board to meet with our Committee. Later we were notified that the meeting had been arranged for December 23, 1924. At this meeting the Ways and Means Committee of the Trustees of Presbytery presented the claims of Presbytery and its Board of Trustees for the continuance of free space. A month later, January 26, 1926, we received the following communication in reply, which would seem to disclaim jurisdiction or power to grant our request. (For this reason we bring our petition before the General Council.) The communication is as follows:

"The Trustees have given careful consideration to the request presented by your Committee December 23, 1924, to the effect that no rent ought to be charged the Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia for the offices occupied by the officers of the Presbytery in the Witherspoon Building.

It was unanimously agreed by the Trustees that, in their judgment, the specific instructions to the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work as then representing the owners, which you will find in the Minutes of 1923, p.179, removed from them any liberty they would have had to grant free space to your body.

But apart from that, this Board is no more than a holding corporation with no wishes of its own except to see right done between the two Boards that are joint owners.

The larger interest in this building is now held by the Board of National Missions which obviously has a primary duty in securing as large an income as may be from so valuable a property.

We think you will see the indelivacy, under such circumstances of us as merely the holding corporation suggesting any steps towards reducing the income at the New York end or increasing our facilities at the Philadelphia end at the expense of New York.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) Edward F. Hitchcock  
Louis F. Benson,  
Committee."

## Some Reasons for our Request

Why do the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension make request for the continuance of free space in the Witherspoon Building? We might refer to the work we are doing, viz: pioneer mission work in a great city, establishing churches and missions, church-building, work among colored people, evangelism, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, etc., etc., strengthening all the great Boards of the Church by creating new sources of supply that pour thousands of dollars in our Boards' treasuries. But we pass this by and we make mention of three things.

(1) The funds with which the original headquarters, 1334 Chestnut Street, were purchased. This building was purchased by the New School Branch of the Church, costing with improvements \$45,000. Practically all of this money was given by individuals and churches in Philadelphia. Efforts were made to secure funds from churches of other Presbyteries and Synods. Simultaneous collections were asked of all the churches by the General Assembly. The whole amount thus raised in these collections outside of Philadelphia was about \$6,000, a sum unworthy the Assembly's recommendation and the cause. (History of Board, p.55.) People of other states, cities and towns are not quick to respond financially to interests that chiefly benefit a local constituency. For the original headquarters, 1334 Chestnut Street, the whole amount raised in Philadelphia exceeded \$40,000.

(2) The nature of the appeal that was made to the churches in Philadelphia following the Reunion in 1870. The Committee on Reunion selected the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut St., as headquarters. The original building was enlarged and improved at a cost of about \$150,000. The Old School building, at 821 Chestnut St., was sold for \$50,000, and the money applied to the new building. The following followed the drive for \$100,000, as set forth in this recommendation: "In order . . . to provide ample accommodations for the Board's future business and for all our other Presbyterian interests in this city, it is recommended that the sum of \$100,000 be raised among our churches and people for the erection and equipment of the said Presbyterian House." (History of Board, p.80) About \$57,451 were received from subscriptions and other sources, including a donation of \$25,000 from one individual.

Now, our claim is that when appeals are made to churches or individuals for funds, there must be some incentive, some inducement to get the people to give. That incentive, that inducement, the appeal that was urged, was to provide Presbyterian headquarters, not only for the Board but for all our other Presbyterian interests in this city, and, when churches or individuals contribute for a specific purpose and with a definite understanding, the intention of the donors must be sacredly carried out.

(3) The Board's action in providing free space for our local missionary interests in the past. That the intention of the individual givers and churches was to provide accommodations for our local missionary interests, as well as for the Board's future business, appears from the action of the Board in providing for local interests in Philadelphia immediately after the building was opened, and in continuing the same through all these years to the present time. These former members of the Board knew personally these donors and interpreted their spirit correctly in contributing to establish Presbyterian headquarters in Philadelphia. The following paragraph appears in the

Board's History, p.88: "The Board of Publication, in erecting this edifice, did far more than merely provide the accommodations necessary for its own varied interests. It conferred a benefaction on the whole Presbyterian Church and especially on all its interests and institutions centering in Philadelphia. It supplied them all, without charge, convenient headquarters and a place for their meetings - a denominational home, where our ministers, our ruling elders, our Sabbath school superintendents and teachers and all the members of our churches may come together as members of the same Christian family and have their zeal and courage stimulated to undertake new enterprises for Christ and His Church."

Now, in this new building, Dr. Willard M. Rice, Secretary of the Board and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, had his office. And, when the two Presbyteries (Philadelphia and Philadelphia Central) were consolidated in 1891 and the City Mission and Church Extension Committee (Trustees of Presbytery) was organized in January 1892, all their numerous meetings were held in this building. And when this said Committee called Dr. John S. MacIntosh to become General Secretary of City Missions and Church Extension in 1896, immediately an office was provided for him, free of rent, in the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut Street.

And, when the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut St. was sold for \$448,000 and this money applied in payment of the Witherspoon Bldg. and when the Witherspoon Building was opened in 1898, an office was provided therein for Dr. Rice, Secretary of the Board and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the death of Dr. Rice and Dr. Robert Hunter was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery, an office was provided for him as Stated Clerk in the Witherspoon Building. Also, an office, room 220 Witherspoon Building, was provided for Dr. John S. MacIntosh, Secretary of the Committee on City Missions and Church Extension. And, from that time to the present, the Board has continued to carry out the spirit and purpose of the original donors, who contributed that they might establish Presbyterian headquarters in Philadelphia, where all the missionary and benevolent interests centering in Philadelphia might be properly housed.

Now, we contend that the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, in providing, without charge, accommodations for our local missionary interests in the past, has correctly interpreted and faithfully carried out the spirit of the donors, who so generously contributed toward the erection of the original headquarters, and we believe these privileges of free space should be continued. We should not break faith with the past or with the departed.

We, therefore, request the General Council to take such action as may be necessary to continue to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and its Committee on City Missions and Church Extension (Trustees of Presbytery) the free use of space in Witherspoon Building for the prosecution of their work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of

The Presbytery of Philadelphia, and its  
Committee on City Missions and Church  
Extension (Trustees of Presbytery)

EXHIBIT "B"

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE PETITION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE FREE USE OF SPACE IN WITHERSPOON BUILDING FOR OFFICE USE.

There is a distinct difference between headquarters and offices.

Witherspoon Building has always been generous in furnishing free use of rooms for meetings of Presbyteries, Committees of Presbyteries, notably Philadelphia, Philadelphia North, Chester and West Jersey, as well as for meetings of Missionary Societies, Boards of Management of Homes, Orphanages and for other Presbyterian interests located in and about Philadelphia.

Westminster Hall with a seating capacity of 225, the Board Room known as 416-418 seating 50 and the Committee Room known as 415 seating 20, always have been at the service of Presbyterian interests. The rental value of these rooms last year was \$6,185.00. (Year ending March 31, 1925.)

In accordance with the action of the General Assembly of 1923 (G.A.Mins., p.178) free space or rental rebate was allowed

The Office of the General Assembly	\$3,912.00
Presbyterian Historical Society	12,735.00
Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation	5,669.52
Board of Christian Education	<u>2,400.00</u>

Total amount of Rent Remitted during the year ending March 31, 1925	\$30,901.52
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An examination of the early records of "The Trustees of the Presbyterian House" shows the appointment of that body by the "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. which held its session in the First Presbyterian Church on Washington Square in the City of Philadelphia in May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four."

On June 22, 1855, Mr. John A. Brown was elected President and served as President from that date until his resignation June 1, 1868.

Property 386 Chestnut St. (afterwards known as 1334-1336 Chestnut St) was purchased. Mr. Brown contributed \$10,000.00 of the sum necessary to make that purchase. A collection from the whole church was asked for to pay for the ground and the erection of suitable building with meagre result. Philadelphia was then specially appealed to and raised \$40,000.00. "It was cheerfully given, not because Philadelphians suppose that our Church has special claims upon them but because they feel a deep interest in her welfare and trust that our whole Church, so soon as the subject is clearly before them will respond to our own institutions with characteristic liberality."

Action of General Assembly, Cleveland, 1857. (Pp.41-42.)

"Resolved, that the General Assembly notice with pleasure the manifestation of promptness and liberality in the President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian House, John A. Brown Esq., of Philadelphia, who, by a munificent donation, has secured to the Trustees the legal title of the Presbyterian House."

"Resolved, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, that "The Trustees of the Presbyterian House" be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to act in their corporate capacity as Trustees of the Permanent Committee at this Assembly, called "The Presbyterian Publication Committee", as fully and in the same manner, as if "The Presbyterian Publication Committee" was themselves constituted a Corporation, by the same authority which incorporated "The Trustees of the Presbyterian House."

Action of Board, February 9, 1864, Philadelphia, and Dayton, O., 1864.

"The Secretary brought to the notice of the Board the action of the last General Assembly, page 275 of Minutes, declaring that the property, Nos. 1334 and 1336 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, is and shall be held by the Trustees of the Presbyterian House in trust for the use and benefit of the Publication Committee and directing the Trustees to execute under their Corporate seal, and to deliver to the same Publication Committee such Deed or Deeds of Declaration of Trust with all such powers, authorities, limitations and provisions as shall be settled and advised by Samuel H. Perkins, Esq., Samuel C. Perkins, Esq., and the Hon. Joseph Allison.

Whereupon, it was resolved that the legal gentlemen named by the Assembly be requested to draw such Deed or Deeds of Declaration of Trust as the Assembly direct and to have the same properly executed and delivered."

Tenth Annual Report, Dayton, Ohio, 1864 (p.86.)

"The Trustees report, further, that in accordance with the direction of the last General Assembly, they have executed, under their Corporate seal, and have delivered to the Presbyterian Publication Committee, the Deed of Declaration of Trust prescribed by the Assembly."

The Reunion of the two Branches of the Presbyterian Church was effected in 1870 whereupon the Trustees of the Presbyterian House took the following action September 12, 1870:

"The action of the General Assembly which met in Philadelphia, May 1870, in respect to the conveyance of the Presbyterian House by the Trustees of the House to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, that the President and Secretary be and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute and deliver in the name of this corporation and to affix the corporate seal to such Deeds of Conveyance and other instruments of writing as shall be necessary and expedient for conveying to "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication" the House and Lot Nos. 1334 and 1336 Chestnut Street, and any other property now in the possession of this Corporation or which may hereafter come into their possession for the use of "The Presbyterian Publication Committee" in accordance with the Resolution of the General Assembly, adopted June 3rd, 1870."



"The Trustees further report that in accordance with the direction of the last General Assembly they have conveyed to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication the house and lot numbers 1334 and 1336 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia."

By action of the General Assembly, St. Louis, Mo., May 26, 1874 the Trustees of the Presbyterian House were authorized to transfer the property held by them to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (p.201.) The consolidation of the two Boards was not legally effected until September 1885.

The establishment of the Presbyterian Publishing House at 1334 Chestnut Street as the headquarters of the publishing interests of the reunited Church was accomplished in 1870, the details of which are recorded in the Minutes of the General Assembly of that year (see p. 113) as follows:

"The Special Committee of Five from each of the recent Branches of the Church, appointed to 'take into consideration the affairs' of the Publication Board and Committee of said Branches, and 'to recommend to the Assembly of the united Church what changes are required' in said Board and Committee, respectfully report: -

...'The first necessity is a central House of Publication which should be endowed with every appliance for the preparation and the diffusion of religious literature....

...'It is believed, also, that, so far as possible, all the operations of the united Church, conducted in Philadelphia should be concentrated under one roof. The House of Publication should virtually be a Presbyterian House, a centre and a home for the denomination; a rallying point for all the interests of the Church which the Assembly in its wisdom may locate in this city. the advantages of such a concentration in facilitating the transaction of the business of the Church, in promoting the general convenience, and in fostering denominational life and spirit, are too obvious to require remark. But to effect this, a new and extensive building must be erected; and it is believed, that the recognition of this necessity, by the Assembly, will so enlist the sympathy of the Church, as to secure the ready accomplishment of the plan submitted in the subjoined resolutions.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption by this General Assembly, of the following resolutions as comprehending the changes, in our judgment, required, in order to the union and reorganization of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and the Presbyterian Publication Committee, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the said Board and Committee are hereby united under the name and title of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.'

Resolved, 8. All the property, of every kind, now owned by the 'Presbyterian Board of Publication', and by the 'Presbyterian Publication Committee', or hold by any Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of either of them, is hereby directed to be united,

and placed in possession of 'The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication', incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and whose charter was approved by the Governor of that State on the 1st day of February, A.D. 1847.

Resolved, 9. The 'Trustees of the Presbyterian House' are hereby directed to convey, by a good and sufficient legal title, to 'The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication', the house and lot, Nos. 1334 and 1336 Chestnut Street, now occupied by the Presbyterian Publication Committee in part as a book-store, and any other property now in their possession, or which may hereafter come into their possession, for the use of the Presbyterian Publication Committee.

Resolved, 10. The General Assembly recommends the Board of Publication, as soon as practicable after its reorganization, to sell its house and lot, No. 821 Chestnut Street, and to provide a larger house, adequate to its now extended operations, and to the prospective growth of its business, on the premises Nos. 1334 and 1336 Chestnut Street, or in that vicinity.

Resolved, 11. In order that the above recommendation may be carried out, so as to provide ample accommodations for the Board's future business, and for all other Presbyterian interests in this city, it is recommended, that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be raised among our churches and people for the erection and equipment of said Presbyterian House, and all contributions made thereto shall be recognized as a part of the offering of five millions of dollars, which it was at Pittsburgh resolved to raise."

#### Reconstruction.

Under the heading "The Reconstruction", the following is found on pp.435-37 of the "Presbyterian Reunion Memorial Volume, 1837-1871."

"The subject of Publication occupied much of the attention of the Assembly, and elicited considerable debate. Both portions of the Church possessed organizations well officered and appointed to perform the work of preparing and circulating religious literature on a liberal scale; both were located in Philadelphia; both were found to be operating faithfully and successfully. The General Assembly combined them into one Board, under the title of 'The Presbyterian Board of Publication'. This Board is to be composed of forty-eight members, taken in equal number from each of the late branches, one-half ministers.

"All the property of both the former organizations is to be united and placed in charge of the new Board, and an equal representation within it is secured to both of the former branches of the Church. A prolonged debate upon the appropriation of the future profits of the Board resulted in the adoption of the following important declaration:

'It is to be understood by all parties to this arrangements, and it is directed by this General Assembly, that the property thus vested in 'The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication' together with all which may hereafter be given to it for publication purposes, and all the net profits of its business, are to be

perpetually and sacredly used in the work of publishing and diffusing a sound religious literature, and for no other purpose, in accordance with trusts heretofore accepted and pledges heretofore given.' "

It is therefore shown conclusively that the Trustees of the Board of Publication and afterward the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work is the recognized sole owner of 1334-1336 Chestnut Street.

That property was sold in 1897 and the proceeds (\$448,000.) invested in Witherspoon Building representing about 42% of the cost of ground and building known as Witherspoon Building. The balance or about 58% was obtained by using unrestricted legacies \$218,782.23

Proceeds of Bond and Mortgage turned over by the Presbyterian Historical Society under an agreement that the sum of \$15,000.00 shall be restored to the Society in the event of the Board of Publication giving up control of Witherspoon Building and the Historical Society wishing for this or other good cause to remove to other quarters

15,000.00

Principal of Annuities

218,000.00

Net income from Witherspoon Building and interest from Bank and Investments

181,130.59  
\$1,080,912.82.

These investments were recognized at the time of the Reorganization of Boards and Agencies in 1923 when the General Assembly declared the respective equities to be Business Department 42% and Department of Sabbath School Missions 58%.

During the occupancy of 1334 Chestnut Street from 1857 there does not appear to have been any request from the Presbytery of Philadelphia for office space until the election of Rev. John S. MacIntosh as General Secretary of Church Extension and City Missions in 1896. Any office space that may have been granted to him therefore, was clearly a courtesy and not a right.

The organization of this Committee in 1896 shows the growth of activities in our Church. A growth that is still continuing. New agencies and enlargement of old agencies are continually requiring more room. It was to meet these increasing demands that in 1916 the General Assembly decreed that its Board of Ministerial Relief and its Board of Education should pay for any space in addition to that occupied by them at that time at the rate of 65% of current rental value.

Apart from taxes, insurance and mortgage interest (afterward changed to Annuity Charge) the operating cost of Witherspoon Building in 1900 was less than 30 cents per square foot, now it is nearly \$1.00 per square foot. Taxes in 1900 were \$11,000.00. This year they are \$28,350.00.

It will therefore be seen that any space given without a rental return seriously affects the income which the owning Boards should receive on the money they have invested in Witherspoon Building.

It was to preserve this status that the General Assembly of 1923 adopted the following:

That rental at current rates be charged for all space occupied, subject to the following exceptions:

(a) An exception is made in the case of the Presbyterian Historical Society, in accordance with a special contract.

(b) An exception is made in the case of the Board of Education and of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation by the following action of the General Assembly of 1916, p.211:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this Committee that the Boards of Education and of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to which space in the Witherspoon Building has been assigned, additional to that assigned them without charge, pay for such additional space a sum equal to 65 per cent of the regular rental value of the Witherspoon Building, from year to year."

It is recommended that this resolution of the General Assembly be limited so as not to apply to any space to be occupied by the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation in excess of the space occupied by it on March 31, 1923, or to any space for the Board of Education, except such space as is held for it in accordance with a special agreement.

(c) An exception is also made in the case of the Office of the General Assembly. It is recommended, however, that any space in addition to that occupied by the Office of the General Assembly, on March 31, 1923, be paid for at the current rates.

We therefore ask that the Petition of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be dismissed and the action of the General Assembly of 1923 be affirmed.

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3. That the Report on the "Presbyterian Foundation" will be discussed at a later session of the Council when Mr. Dayton may sit with the Council.

The report, on motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Stone, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cosby, seconded by Dr. Covert, it was voted that the Chairman appoint a special committee to study carefully the subject of developing special givers to the benevolent enterprises of the Church. The Chairman later named Dr. MacIvor, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Shipp and Mr. Barber.

On motion of Dr. Swearingen, seconded by Dr. Marquis, Mr. Cosby was excused from further attendance at the sessions of the General Council.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Monday, May 28th, at 5 P.M. and was closed with prayer by Dr. Wilson.

There being no quorum present at 5 P.M., May 28, 1928, on account of a late General Assembly session, adjournment was taken until 8.30 P.M., Monday, May 28, 1928.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 28, 1928.

The General Council met in accordance with the order of adjournment at 8.30 P.M., May 28, 1928. The Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, presided.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Master.

The roll was called and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman.  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. F. E. Sibley, Financial Secretary.

Ministers: Drs. Matthews, MacIvor, Taylor, Swearingen, Wilson, Erdman, Stone.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. Shipp, Barber, Reed.

Board Representatives: Drs. Schell, Covert, Master.

Corresponding Members: Miss Taylor.

The Minutes of the five o'clock session on Friday, May 25th and the Minutes of the session held at eight thirty the same evening were read and approved.

Mr. Barber, on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee read a report on the "Presbyterian Foundation", which report, on motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Shipp, was ordered filed and spread on the Minutes. Mr. George G. Dayton addressed the Council. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Budget and Finance has carefully studied the Suggestions for a Presbyterian Foundation made by Mr. George D. Dayton of Minneapolis on November 30, 1927 at Chicago when he read his interesting paper before the entire General Council and the Allocation Committee which was at that time meeting with the General Council.

Undoubtedly all members have read Mr. Dayton's paper and are familiar with the suggestions made. This Committee approves in principle the idea advanced by Mr. Dayton and believes it will be to the interests of the Church to carry it into accomplishment. The Committee, however, wishes to emphasize the importance of, and advise on, four specific points, viz:

1. The Charter and By-Laws of the Foundation should be prepared under the immediate direction of the General Council.

2. The original trustees should be nominated by the General Council and elected by the General Assembly to serve for life. In case of death, resignation, or disability of a trustee, the vacancy shall be filled upon nomination by the Trustees and confirmed by the General Assembly.

3. Your Committee would like to see not less than one hundred persons agree to make up a fund of one million dollars to be used as a nucleus organization and/or overhead fund. We would like to have it understood that no single contribution to this fund should be for an amount in excess of \$10,000. The income from this fund should amount to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year, should be designated for use in caring for, first, the organization expenses, and thereafter to be used for overhead expenses, except that if neither organization nor overhead expenses require all of the income the balance may be added to the other income of the Foundation and placed at the disposal of the Distribution Committee.

We think that after the idea of a Presbyterian Foundation has been considered by the General Council and before it is passed on in the General Assembly, a committee should be appointed by the General Council to approach the more wealthy members of the Church and invite them to make anticipatory pledges, on the one hand to this suggested Organization and Overhead Expense Underwriting Fund, and on the other hand to greater funds for the better carrying out of God's work in the Church and for the benefit of mankind. If organized, the Foundation will be expected to increase in magnitude and importance, but there is an old saying "nothing succeeds like success" and we think that an initial success in securing an Overhead Expense Fund and generous promises of funds for the actual financing of important work, will go a long way toward instilling confidence and interest in the ultimate greater success.

4. If the General Council approves this report, the Budget and Finance Committee will make a further study of the question and report at a later date.

After a general discussion of the subject it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Dayton's pamphlet should be distributed to the Commissioners at Tuesday morning's session of the Assembly, and that a simple statement be made that any readers who are interested may send their suggestions or questions to the General Council. Further, that the Council continue its consideration of the matter along the line of the questions raised by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and that the Committee confer further with Mr. Dayton and any others and report to the November meeting of the Council.

Mr. Shipp read a report from the Committee of Six appointed to submit to the General Council a plan for a series of conventions and conferences to be held during the current fiscal year of the Church. A discussion follows.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the following resolution of the report was adopted:

"That this series of gatherings for information and inspiration include the one day Men's Conventions, approximately ten in number,

which will be held largely in the Central West, under the immediate direction of the Men's Work Department of the Board of Christian Education."

On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Schell, the following recommendation was adopted:

That any conference other than the Men's Conference be tied up with the Moderator's tour; also that the Program and Field Activities Committee be asked to formulate a plan to have conferences in different cities for small groups, using members of this Council and others as may be chosen.

A communication was received from Dr. Marquis regarding the appointment of a committee to confer with the Board of National Missions concerning problems of organization and the larger effectiveness of the Board, both at headquarters and on the field. On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Shipp, the following Committee was appointed: Drs. Stone, Thompson, and Mr. Barber.

The following resolution (numbered 3 in its report) presented by the American Tract Society to the General Assembly was referred to the General Council by the General Assembly:

"Resolved, 3. That the Assembly endorses the effort of the American Tract Society in raising \$100,000 in the present year to meet the demand for Christian literature, especially in foreign languages, and urges that Presbyterian Churches make provision in their budgets for this work."

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Covert, it was resolved that the General Council report to the General Assembly, that as the Benevolence Budget for the year has been adopted, nothing can be done now in this matter.

On motion of Dr. Schell, seconded by Dr. Swearingen, it was voted that in view of the fact that this General Assembly has approved the recommendation of the General Council regarding efforts by the Boards to secure funds for "Capital Purposes" in accordance with the plan suggested by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Council, the sub-committee appointed at the February meeting be discharged from further consideration of the matter and that this matter be referred to the Operating Committee with power to carry out the provisions of the plan in consultation with the Secretary of Finance.

On motion of Dr. Master, seconded by Dr. Erdman, the following members were excused from further sessions of the Council: Drs. MacIvor, Taylor and Stone from the remaining sessions of the Council; Mr. Barber until Wednesday morning.

The Chairman appointed Dr. Taylor to speak in connection with the recommendations to be presented to the General Assembly concerning the report of the National Capital Commission.

The Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman, and was closed with prayer by Dr. James H. Speer.

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
May 30, 1928.

The General Council met for organization on Wednesday, May 30, 1928, in the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Chairman, Dr. Hugh K. Walker, presided.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Covert.

A communication received from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly gave official notification that the following had been elected to the General Council by the 1928 General Assembly:

Class of 1931: Ministers - Drs. John W. MacIvor, St. Louis, Mo.  
Samuel T. Wilson, Maryville, Tenn.,  
Ruling Elders - Messrs. Fred B. Shipp, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
George Nicholson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Albert A. Reed, Denver, Colo.

The roll was called and there were found to be present:

Officers: Dr. Hugh K. Walker, Chairman  
Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary  
Dr. James H. Speer, Associate Secretary  
Mr. F. E. Sibley, Financial Secretary

Ex Officio: Dr. Robert E. Speer

Board Representatives: Drs. Schell, Covert

Ministers: Drs. Matthews, Wilson

Ruling Elders: Mr. Barber.

Dr. Mudge presented the excuses of Dr. Swearingen and Messrs. Reed, Smith and Shipp, which on motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Schell, were sustained.

The Minutes of the session of Monday evening, May 28th, 1928, were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Wilson, Dr. Henry C. Swearingen was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. Speer, seconded by Dr. Covert, the Council elected Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary of the Council for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. Schell, seconded by Dr. Covert, Mrs. Fred S. Bennett and Miss Margaret E. Hodge were elected Corresponding Members for the ensuing year.

The Chairman was authorized to reconstitute the membership of the Standing Committees of the Council and to appoint any special committees which he may consider advisable. The Chairman later re-appointed the existing Committees, adding Mr. Barber to the Program and Field Activities Committee.



The following Overtures referred to the General Council by the General Assembly were referred as follows:

Overture 2. On the Disposition of the Real Property of Congregations - from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Whereas it is a general practice in the State of New York for Presbyterian congregations to sell, mortgage, or lease property without the consent of the Presbyteries, and

Whereas, this dangerous, un-Presbyterian practice has become established because of the lack of clearly defined constitutional requirements of our general ecclesiastical body, and

Whereas, the welfare and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. would be greatly furthered by a unified compliance of all congregations with the general policy of the Church, and

Whereas, such a compliance could only become effective when state laws would definitely cover the law of our church in matters of church property:

Therefore, the Presbytery of Buffalo hereby respectfully overtures the venerable 140th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. - seeking to discover how widespread the general practice of congregations is to sell, mortgage, or lease property without first obtaining the consent of their Presbyteries, and to report to the next General Assembly.

Second: To instruct its General Council to prepare for the Constitution of the Church a clause or article which will concisely and unmistakably outline the requirements of Presbyterian Church Policy in re matters of disposal of real property of the individual congregations, and present such a clause or article for the approval of the next General Assembly for submission to the Presbyteries.

Third: To instruct its General Council to prepare tentative amendments for religious corporation acts of the various states where our church laws at the present time are unprotected, and present such proposed amendments for the consideration of the next General Assembly.

On motion of Dr. Speer, seconded by Dr. Wilson, this overture was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Overture 7. On the disposition of the Real Property of Congregations - from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

"That steps be taken to amend the Form of Government, Chapter XXVII, by the addition of the following sections:

Section X. As soon as practicable a clause shall be inserted in the charter of each particular church now incorporated, and a clause shall be inserted in each new charter definitely stating that the property of the said church and congregation is held in trust for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and shall revert to the Presbytery in case the local Presbyterian Church shall cease to exist as such.

Section XI. This provision shall not apply to churches and Presbyteries outside the United States."

On motion of Dr. Covert, seconded by Dr. Wilson, this overture was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Overture 13. On Work with Young People - from the Synod of New Jersey.

"That inasmuch as the action of the General Assembly in devoting this current year to a concentrated emphasis on the evangelistic task of the Church is being revealed as rich in wisdom and grace, we, the Synod of New Hersey, overture the General Assembly to follow this period with appointment of a year of major emphasis on the work with and among the young people of the Church in a fresh endeavor to understand their problems, encourage them in their spiritual experience, and enlist their counsel and help in the whole program and progress of the Church. It is our desire to signify our confidence in their ability to share and to make a way for them to share, in an abundant measure, the opportunities and responsibilities that confront the Christian Church in the vital service which it is called upon to render throughout the world."

This overture was referred to the General Council with instructions to appoint a sub-committee to cooperate with the Board of Christian Education to form and execute plans in accordance with the Overture. In accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, the Chairman of the General Council appointed the following Committee: Mr. Fred B. Shipp, Chairman; Dr. Wm. C. Covert, Dr. John A. Marquis, Dr. Wm. P. Schell, and Mr. George G. Barber.

Overture 15. On the Basis of Representation in the General Assembly - from the Presbytery of North River.

"Whereas, our Form of Government is based on Church, and Bishops or Pastors (Chapters II and IV), and

Whereas, Chapter XII reads 'It (the General Assembly) shall represent, in one body, all the particular churches of this denomination,' and

Whereas, many of the larger Presbyteries have a number of ministers not related to 'particular' churches but counted in the present denominator determining a Presbytery's representation in the General Assembly as though they were related to a 'particular' church, and

Whereas, this excess of unrelated ministers gives such Presbyteries undue and unfair representation, over against Presbyteries not having such excess, in the General Assembly, so that the Assembly is not in true ratio a representative of particular churches, be it

Resolved, that the Presbytery of North River hereby respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May, 1928, to take such proper action as will cause the Form of Government, Chapter XII, Section II, to be amended so as to read in the second part of its first sentence, 'viz: Each Presbytery consisting of not more than twenty-four ministers, who are pastors or stated supplies of the churches of the Presbytery,' and so on throughout the section."

On Motion of Dr. Schell, seconded by Dr. Speer, this Overture was referred to the Administrative Committee.

Overture 25. On the Budget of the Boards and Agencies and Methods of Preparing the Budget - from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Whereas, the Budget of the Boards and Agencies adopted each year by

the General Council for submission to the various Synods and Presbyteries of the Church is based almost entirely upon anticipated receipts for the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, this Budget is submitted by the Allocating Committee of the Synods to the various Presbyteries for allocation to the respective churches under their care, with the inference that it should be raised because the General Council has already agreed to its expenditure, without first consulting the churches; and,

Whereas, it is evident from past experience that without a definite acceptance by the churches there is no adequate assurance that the Budget of the Boards and Agencies can or will be raised; and

Whereas, the Boards and Agencies proceed with their work as though the allocations to the churches were fully accepted and thereby incur heavy deficits because numerous churches not having accepted their allocations, do not contribute the amounts assigned as their share of the cost of the missionary enterprise of the church; and

Whereas, the churches desire to free the Boards and Agencies from the embarrassment due to the confusion arising from such a method and to give the Boards adequate assurance of a final Budget which can be surely depended upon; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Presbytery of Philadelphia respectfully overtures the 149th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. which convenes in Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 24, 1928, to instruct the General Council to study the advisability of proceeding in the following manner in preparing the tentative Budgets of the Boards and Agencies.

1. That the present method of preparing the tentative budget of the Boards and Agencies as outlined in the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1927, pages 214-215, be followed, and completed each year not later than the regular spring meeting of the General Council.

2. That this tentative Budget be allocated to the various Presbyteries prior to their stated fall meetings.

3. That the various Presbyteries at their stated fall meeting apportion the amount allocated to them to the churches under their care for their approval.

4. That the individual churches immediately report to their respective Presbyteries either their acceptance or their allocation, or the percentage of it that they are willing to assume.

5. That the Presbyteries return to the Synods the result of their canvass of their respective churches, and that the total amount thus approved by the various churches be designated as the Accepted Budget of the Boards and Agencies for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. Speer, seconded by Dr. Covert, this Overture was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Petition 1. Concerning Laymen on Ecclesiastical Committees - from the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

"Whereas, the Presbytery of Cincinnati, at its stated meeting in February, adopted a plan for a 'National Missions Organization' the said organization to be incorporated as a 'Board of National Missions

and Church Extension of the Presbytery of Cincinnati' under the direction and control of the Presbytery, and,

Whereas, in order that there may be no doubt as the constitutionality of a provision in the plan, according to which 'Laymen' may be elected to membership on said Board, such doubt, if any, resting on a deliverance of the General Assembly, recorded in the Digest, Vol.I, pp.104, 105; therefore,

Resolved, that the Presbytery of Cincinnati, in session at its stated meeting, March 19, 1928, petition the General Assembly to convene at Tulsa, Okla., in May, to clarify certain statements contained in said deliverance. There seems to be no doubt of the right of a Presbytery to send to the General Assembly such a petition, since the Assembly has declared 'that a Presbytery has the undoubted right of petition to the General Assembly, as to all matters relating to the polity of the Church.' (Digest, Vol.I, p.282.)

#### The Petition.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Meeting in Tulsa, Okla. May 24, 1928.  
Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of Cincinnati is planning for a decided forward movement in church extension work. A careful study has been made of the most successful plans of various Presbyteries located in our large cities. It has been found that some of these Presbyteries are using 'unordained men' to fine advantage in their extension work. The Presbytery of Cincinnati has a considerable number of outstanding 'unordained men', communicants of the Church, men who are leaders in civic and business affairs.

In order that the Presbytery may avail itself of such talent and influence it has provided for the appointment of a Board 'composed of six ministers and fifteen laymen', to be incorporated under the law of the state, as a 'Board of National Missions and Church Extension of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.'

The attention of the Presbytery has been called to a deliverance of the General Assembly, recorded in the Digest, Vol.I, pp.104, 105, with reference to 'Laymen on Ecclesiastical Committees,' in which it is held that 'a Presbytery may not place unordained men on its standing or permanent committees.' The Presbytery of Cincinnati desires to know whether this declaration is to be construed as forbidding a Presbytery to place 'unordained men' on a Board incorporated under state law.

It is also affirmed in this deliverance of the General Assembly 'that on the Boards of the General Assembly, when permitted by law, unordained men who are communicants may be appointed.' The Presbytery of Cincinnati desires to know whether a Presbytery may follow the rule laid down for the General Assembly, when in the judgment of the Presbytery, and 'when permitted by law,' 'unordained men' can be used to great advantage on an incorporated Board charged with the church extension work of the Presbytery. "

On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Matthews, this Petition having been referred to the General Council 'for consideration as to the advisability of such action', was referred to the Administrative Committee.

On motion of Dr. Robert E. Speer, seconded by Dr. Covert, the Secretary of the General Council was directed to inform the Boards that it is the wish of the Council that they should clear the matter of Special Days through the Council or the Operating Committee, before presentation to the Standing Committees of the General Assembly.

On motion of Dr. Robert E. Speer, seconded by Dr. Schell, with reference to "Capital Purposes", the understanding of the General Council was that the recommendations adopted by the General Assembly in this connection left the General Council free to make any modifications in detail which the Council on recommendation of the proper committees might deem it wise to make.

On motion of Dr. Robert E. Speer, seconded by Mr. Barber, the approval of the Council was given to the issuance of a series of hand books on subjects vitally related to the doctrine, polity, history and work of our Church. This series to be similar to those issued and used by the Church of Scotland so successfully. This series of hand books is to be prepared under the editorial supervision of a Committee of the General Council to be appointed by its Chairman in conference with the Editorial Department of the Board of Christian Education, and the hand books are to be issued through the Publication Department of the Board of Christian Education. The Chairman later named as this Committee, Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman; Dr. William C. Covert and Dr. William R. Taylor.

On motion of Dr. Robert E. Speer, seconded by Dr. Covert, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was requested to report through the Administrative Committee what rearrangement of the morning docket of the General Assembly might be made which will give to each of the Boards a more favorable two hour period.

On motion of Dr. Schell, seconded by Mr. Barber, the Board members of the General Council were requested to make a special effort to prevent matters being brought to the attention of the General Assembly through the General Assembly's Standing Committees which are at the time being under the consideration of the Council.

The Secretary of the General Council brought to the attention of the members of the Council, the following appointments already made by the Council.

1. That the conference with the Welsh brethren would be held in the Welsh Church, Columbus, Ohio, October 17, 1928, and that the Retiring Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, had appointed the following to represent the Council: The new Moderator, Dr. Hugh K. Walker, Chairman; Drs. Swearingen, Marquis, Stone and Thompson, and Messrs. Smith, Reed, and Dr. Mudge, ex officio.

2. That the Fall meeting of the Council would be held in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., November 21st, with committee meetings on November 20, and the conference with the fifteen representative women to study the paper presented by Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hodge, on November 22, 1928.

On motion of Dr. Schell, seconded by Dr. Matthews, the Spring meeting of the Council was tentatively set for the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., March 6, 1929, with committee meetings on Tuesday, March 5, 1929.

Dr. Robert E. Speer suggested that the Financial Secretary of the Council, Mr. Frank E. Sibley, bring to the attention of the Budget and Finance Committee, the feeling of the General Assembly evidenced by several tabled motions that the expense to which the Boards were put in interest charges on funds borrowed pending the receipt of monies from the churches, should be emphasized, and used in some way to further prompter remittances of benevolence funds from church treasurers.

On motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Schell, it was voted that the subsidiary secretaries of the General Council staff as listed on pp. 127 of the Blue Book, be and hereby are appointed to serve until the close of the next General Assembly and at the salaries therein approved by the General Assembly.

There being no quorum present at the above meeting of the Council it was voted to consider the above actions as tentative, and subject to the approval of the General Council at its next meeting.

The minutes of this session were read in outline and approved.

The Council then adjourned to meet on November 21, 1928, 10 A.M. in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., unless called earlier by the Chairman.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Lewis Seymour Mudge  
Secretary

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The Chairman of the General Council has appointed the following Committees for the year beginning June 1, 1928.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

##### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Dr. H. K. Walker, Chmn.	Dr. H. C. Swearingen	Dr. M. A. Matthews
Dr. R. E. Speer	Dr. J. T. Stone	Mr. J. W. Smith
Dr. W. O. Thompson	Dr. J. M. T. Finney	Dr. L. S. Mudge
	Dr. W. R. Taylor	

##### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. J. W. Smith, Chmn.	Mr. G. G. Barber	Mr. A. A. Reed
Dr. J. W. MacIvor	Mr. G. Nicholson	Mr. S. F. Shattuck
	Dr. S. T. Wilson	

##### PROGRAM AND FIELD ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Dr. H. C. Swearingen, Chmn.	Dr. H. B. Master	Dr. W. P. Schell
Dr. J. A. Marquis	Dr. W. R. Taylor	Dr. W. C. Covert
Mr. W. M. Cosby	Mr. J. J. Ross	Mr. F. B. Shipp
	Mr. G. G. Barber	

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Special Committee appointed to Study the Work of Administration, Publicity and Promotion of the Board: Mr. J. Williams Smith, Chairman; Dr. Swearingen, Mr. Sibley.
2. Special Committee appointed to meet with the Welsh Synodical Representatives, October 17, 1928, Welsh Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio: Dr. Walker, Chairman; Drs. Swearingen, Marquis, Stone and Thompson; Messrs. Smith and Reed, and Dr. Mudge ex officio.
3. Special Committee on Conference with Representative Women, to be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1928, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill, re "Status of Women in the Church as a Cause of Unrest": Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman; Mrs. Bennett, Miss Hodge, and Dr. Mudge.
4. Special Committee to Assist National Board in Completing its Organization both at Headquarters and on the Field: Dr. Stone, Chairman; Dr. Thompson and Mr. Barber.
5. Special Committee on Series of Handbooks: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman; Dr. Covert, Dr. Taylor.
6. Special Committee on Work with Young People: Mr. Shipp, Chairman; Drs. Covert, Marquis and Schell, and Mr. Barber.
7. Special Committee on Conference with Operating Committee re paper of Mr. Smith and motion of Dr. Matthews (see Minutes this meeting, p.12-14): Dr. Swearingen, Chairman; Dr. Matthews, Mr. Smith.
8. Special Committee on Developing Special Givers to the Benevolent Enterprises of the Church: Dr. MacIvor, Chairman; Dr. Taylor, Messrs. Shipp and Barber.

